

CHAPTER 56

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1. The owner of every dog or cat six months old or older shall procure a license for each dog and cat from the Police Department on or before January 1 of each year.
2. Such license may be procured after January 1 and at any time for a dog or cat which has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant or which has reached the age of six (6) months after said date.
3. The owner of a dog or cat for which a license is required shall apply to the Police Department on forms provided by the City.
4. The form of the application shall state the breed, sex, age, color, markings, and name, if any, of the dog or cat, the address where the animal is being kept, the address of the owner (if different), and shall be signed by the owner. The application shall also state the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered and the date the dog or cat shall be revaccinated.
5. All licenses shall expire on January 1 of the year following the date of issuance.

56.02 LICENSE FEE. The annual license fee shall be as established by resolution of the City Council. The City Council may vary the license fee based on the number of animals kept at one location and whether an animal is spayed or neutered. Any applicant claiming that a dog or cat is spayed or neutered shall provide as evidence a certificate from a qualified veterinarian which contains the name and address of the owner and the name, color, sex and breed of the dog or cat.

56.03 DELINQUENCY. All license fees shall become delinquent on January 1 of each year and, commencing with the month of April, a delinquent penalty of one dollar (\$1.00) per month shall be added to each unpaid license.

56.04 LICENSE TAGS. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Police Department shall deliver or mail to the owner a license which shall be in the form of a metal tag stamped with the serial number of the license as shown on the record book of the Police Department, the year in which it is issued, and the name of the City. The license tag shall be securely fastened by the owner to a collar or harness which shall be worn at all times by the dog or cat for which issued, except if a dog or cat has had a microchip

placed in it for identification purposes it shall not be required to wear the tag. A license issued for one dog or cat shall not be transferable to another dog or cat. Upon the expiration of the license the owner shall remove said tag from the dog or cat.

56.05 LICENSE RECORDS. The Police Department shall keep a book to be known as the record of licenses which shall show:

1. The serial number and date of each application for a license.
2. The description of the dog or cat as specified in the application, together with the name of the owner of the dog or cat.
3. The date when each license tag is issued and the serial number of each tag, the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered, and the date the dog or cat shall be revaccinated.
4. The amount of all fees paid.

56.06 IMMUNIZATION. Before a license is issued, the owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies and that the vaccination has not expired. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall at all times be attached to the collar of the dog or cat.