

CHAPTER 56

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56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED. The owners of all dogs three months old or over shall annually obtain licenses as herein provided.

56.02 DEFINITION. The term “owner” means, in addition to its ordinary meaning, any person who keeps or harbors a dog.

56.03 APPLICATION BY OWNER. The owner of a dog for which a license is required shall, between October 1 and October 15, apply to the Clerk for a license. Such application for license may be made after October 15 and at any time for a dog which has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant or which has reached the age of three months after said date.

56.04 FORM OF APPLICATION. The application shall be in writing on blanks provided by the Clerk of the City and shall state the breed, sex, coloring and name, if any, of the dog, the address of the owner, and the proof of the last inoculation against rabies administered to said dog. The application shall be signed by the owner.

56.05 PREREQUISITE TO LICENSING. Before any license shall be issued on any dog, the owner thereof shall present to the Clerk documentary evidence that said dog has been inoculated against rabies within the six months’ period immediately preceding the date of application for said license.

56.06 FEE. The annual license fee is \$10.00 for each dog, regardless of age or sex.

56.07 EVIDENCE OF PROPER LICENSING. The Clerk shall, upon receipt of proper application, license fee and documentary evidence of inoculation against rabies, issue the applicant a metal license tag stating the year of issue and bearing a serial number as shown by the record book in the office of the Clerk. In addition, the Clerk will issue the applicant a receipt for said fee, said receipt also showing the serial number of the license.

56.08 USE OF TAG. The license tag shall be attached to a substantial collar and during the term of the license shall be at all times kept on the dog for which the license is issued. Upon the expiration of the license, the owner shall remove said tag from the dog and replace it with a new tag.

56.09 DURATION OF LICENSE. All licenses shall expire on October 1 of the year following the date of issuance.

56.10 TRANSFER ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP. When the permanent ownership of a dog is transferred, the license may be transferred by the Clerk by a notation of the license record, giving name and address of the new owner. No fee shall be charged for such transfer.

56.11 TAGS NOT TRANSFERABLE. A license tag issued for one dog is NOT transferable to any other dog.

56.12 DUPLICATE TAG. Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag on the payment of five dollars (\$5.00). The Clerk shall enter in the license record the new number assigned.