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(Rep. & recr. #36-84)

(1) DOGS. (Am. #43-06)

(a) All dogs and dog kennels in the City shall be licensed as provided for by the City and State Statutes.

(b) A valid dog license shall be displayed on the dog collar at all times except when confined indoors, in a fenced yard, in competition or while hunting.

(c) No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit or allow his dog to:

1. (Am. #45-88) Run at large within the City. A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the physical control of the owner or some other person. A dog is not considered to be running at large if the dog is on City owned property in areas designated as “dog runs” by official signs.

2. Excessively bark, yelp or howl so as to annoy or disturb any neighbor or neighborhood.

3. Deposit feces on public or private property unless immediately picked up by the owner or keeper, his own property excepted.

4. Be tied by a rope or chain less than 6' long.

(d) A female dog in season must be under control of a person or confined.

(e) The City shall utilize the facilities of the City pound for the impoundment of stray dogs and other stray animals. The City pound, by agreement with the City, shall follow adopted provisions, procedures and policies, in compliance with pertinent State Statutes, for the handling and care of stray dogs and other animals.

(f) A person who has captured or restrained a stray dog or stray animal shall notify the City police. The police may also apprehend any dog or animal running at large and confine the same in the City pound.

(g) The owner or keeper of any dog confined in the City pound may reclaim such dog at any time before the same is disposed of upon payment

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of all costs and charges incurred by the City in confining and keeping the dog and by compliance with statutory requirements.

(h) (Am. #43-84) (Am. #35-02) Subject to subsection (4), no more than 2 dogs over the age of 3 months shall be kept in any dwelling unit in the City. The owner or keeper of any dog shall properly water and feed it at regular intervals and shall keep the premises occupied by it in a sanitary condition.

(i) No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit their dog to be upon any grounds or premises under the jurisdiction of the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department.

(j) Notwithstanding the prohibition in (i) above, dogs on a leash no longer than six feet are permitted upon the grounds or premises under the jurisdiction of the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department under the following circumstances:

1. Persons who are led by a dog specially trained to lead blind persons.
2. Where permitted by official City Signs.
3. Areas the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department has designated as "Dog Parks", which shall be enclosed areas where dogs are allowed without a leash.

(k) (Cr. #23-07) Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in this subsection and Sec. 11.24, for purposes of protecting the health and welfare of the public, trained dogs will be permitted without a leash on the grounds of Prairie Home Cemetery and grounds under the jurisdiction of the Park, Recreation and Forestry Board to disperse geese congregating in those areas.

1. Trained dogs shall mean border collies trained and certified for dispersing geese.
2. Any person or firm contracted by the City for purposes of dispersing geese under this paragraph (k) agrees to indemnify the City from any and all claims, suits, damages, costs, losses, and expenses in any way arising out of or connected with the activities undertaken pursuant to this paragraph (k).

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(2) CATS.

(a) (Am. #35-02) Subject to subsection (4), no person shall keep or maintain more than 2 cats over the age of 6 months in any household in the City.

(b) (Cr. #30-87) No owner or keeper of any cat shall permit or allow his cat to run at large within the City. The definition of running at large in subpar. (1)(c)1. above is applicable in this paragraph.

(c) (Cr. #61-87) Every owner of a cat more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year or 5 months of age within the license year shall annually or on or before the date the cat becomes 5 months of age pay a cat license fee and obtain a license in the same manner as is provided for the licensing of dogs under §§174.05 and 174.07, Wis. Stats., respectively.

(3) WISCONSIN STATUTES. Pertinent State Statutes in reference to animals apply in the City.

(4) (Cr. #35-02) No person shall keep or maintain a total of more than four cats, dogs or Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pigs in any dwelling unit in the City.