

## CHAPTER 56

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**56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.** Every owner of a dog over the age of six (6) months shall procure a dog license from the Police Department on or before January 31 on each year, said license shall expire on December 31. Every person registering a dog must be of a legal age at the time of registration. Such license may be procured at any time for a dog which has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant or which has reached the age of six (6) months after said date. All licenses shall expire the last day of December.

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**56.02 LICENSE FEES.** The annual license fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for each dog. A penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be assessed for failure to pay the license fee when due. Impounded animal will not be released to owner until license is purchased and all fines and fees are received.

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**56.03 VACCINATION REQUIRED.** Before a license is issued, the owner must present to the Police Department a certificate from and signed by a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies with an injection of anti-rabies vaccine approved by the State Department of Agriculture, and that the vaccination does not expire within six months after the effective date of the dog license. Such vaccine shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Such veterinarian shall thereupon issue a tag with the certificate of vaccination, and such tag shall at all times be attached to the collar of the dog. This collar and tag shall at all times be kept on such dog. Such veterinarian shall issue a tag with the number thereon and the certificate of vaccination shall designate the tag number. Each rabies vaccination certificate issued by such veterinarian must be an official rabies vaccination certificate approved by the State Department of Agriculture.

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**56.04 POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE LICENSE.** Upon payment of the license fee, the Police Department shall issue to the owner a license which shall contain the name of the owner, place of residence, and a description of the dog. The Police Department shall keep a duplicate of each license issued as a public record. Upon the issuance of the license, the Police Department shall

deliver to the owner a metal tag stamped with the number of the license and the year for which it is issued. The license tag shall be securely fastened to a collar or harness which shall be worn by the dog for which the license is issued. Any dog found running at large without the license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed unlicensed.

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**56.05 LICENSE AND VALID TAG REQUIRED.** It is a violation of this chapter for any owner to own or possess a dog within the City without obtaining a license in compliance with this chapter. Any dog found at large without a valid license from the City, or not wearing a valid rabies vaccination tag and for which no rabies vaccination certificate can be produced, shall be apprehended and impounded.

**56.06 TAG NOT TRANSFERABLE.** A license tag issued for one dog shall not be transferable to another dog. When the permanent ownership of a dog is transferred, the Police Department shall, by notation on the license record, give the name and address of the new owner.

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**56.07 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 one dollar (\$1.00) and the Police Department shall enter in the license record the new number assigned.

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