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### § 2-101 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**ABANDON.** Includes the leaving of an animal by its owner or other person responsible for its care or custody without making effective provisions for its proper care over a 48-hour period.

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**ANIMAL SHELTER.** The facility or facilities operated by the city or its authorized agents for the purpose of impounding or caring for animals under the authority of this chapter or state law.

**ANIMALS.** All vertebrate and invertebrate animals, such as, but not limited to, bovine cattle, horses and other equines, hogs, goats, dogs, cats, rabbits, sheep, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons and other fowl or wild animals, reptiles, fish, bees or birds that have been tamed, domesticated or captivated.

**AT LARGE.** To be outside of a fence or other enclosure that restrains the animals to a particular premises or not under the control, by leash or lead, of the owner or other authorized person capable of restraining the animal. Animals tethered to a stationary object within range of public thoroughfares are deemed to be **AT LARGE**.

**BITE.** Any actual or suspected abrasion, scratch, puncture, tear, bruise or piercing of the skin, caused by any animal, which is actually or suspected of being contaminated or inoculated with the saliva from the animal, directly or indirectly, regardless of the health of the animal causing such bite.

**CAT.** Any member of the species felis catus, regardless of sex.

**DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS ANIMAL.** Any animal deemed to be dangerous or vicious per § 2-115.

**DOG.** Any member of the species canis familiaris, regardless of sex.

**FOWL.** All animals that are included in the zoological class aves, which shall include, but not limited to, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guineas and pigeons.

**HARBOR.** Any person who shall allow any animal to habitually remain or lodge or to be fed within his or her home, store, yard, enclosure or place of business or any other premises where he or she resides or controls.

**HUMANE LIVE ANIMAL TRAP.** Any cage trap that upon activation encloses an animal without placing any physical restraint upon any part of the body of such animal.

**HUMANELY EUTHANIZE.** The proper injection of a substance that quickly and painlessly terminates the life of an animal, or any other method approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association or the American Humane Society.

**IMMEDIATE CONTROL.** The regulation and supervision by a competent person so that an animal is unable to run or get loose at will.

**KENNEL.** Any establishment, commercial or otherwise, maintained for breeding, rearing, grooming, boarding or otherwise harboring in an enclosure in one location only, more than five dogs.

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**LIVESTOCK.** Includes, but is not limited to, cattle, horses, goats, sheep or other animals commonly regarded or used as farm or ranch animals.

**NEUTERED.** Any male or female cat or dog that has been permanently rendered sterile.

**OWN.** Includes own, keep, harbor, shelter, manage, possess or have a part interest in any animal. If a minor **OWNS** any such animal subject to the provisions of this chapter, the head of the household of which such minor is a member shall be deemed to **OWN** such animal for the purposes of this chapter.

**OWNER.** The one who owns, or his or her employee, agent or other competent person into whose charge an animal has been placed by the actual owner as described in the definition for “own” above.

**VACCINATION.** An injection of a vaccine, approved by the State Board of Public Health, and administered by a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of immunizing an animal against rabies.

**VETERINARIAN.** A doctor of veterinary medicine licensed by the State of Kansas.

### **§ 2-102 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; DUTY TO IMPOUND; CITATION ALTERNATIVE.**

(a) There is hereby created the position of Animal Control Officer for the city and such officer shall be charged with the enforcement of this chapter. Any person employed by the city as an Animal Control Officer and commissioned by the City Council of the city shall have such powers and authority as allowed by law in the enforcement of this chapter. All Animal Control Officers shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Mayor of the city.

(b) Except as provided in division (c) below, it shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to take up and impound all animals found in the city in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(c) As an alternative to the provisions of division (b) above, any law enforcement officer or the Animal Control Officer may issue a citation to the owner, harborer or keeper of an animal in violation of this chapter, and the person receiving the citation shall, within ten days, appear in the Municipal Court of the city to answer the charged violation of this chapter.

### **§ 2-103 SAME; CAPTURE/DESTRUCTION.**

When deemed necessary by law enforcement officers or the Animal Control Officer for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city, such officers and/or their agents may:

(a) Place a humane trap on public or a requesting resident’s property for the purpose of capturing any animal defined in this chapter as creating a nuisance in the city;

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(b) Use any tranquilizer guns, humane traps or other suitable devices to subdue and capture any animal that is deemed by the Animal Control Officer, in his or her discretion, to be of a danger to itself or to the public health and safety; or

(c) Use firearms or other suitable weapons to destroy any rabid animal, any vicious animal as defined in § 2-115 or any animal creating a nuisance as defined in § 2-111, where such animal is impossible or impractical to catch, capture or tranquilize.

### § 2-104 SAME; RIGHT OF ENTRY; UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE.

(a) The Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer shall have the right of entry upon any private unenclosed lots or lands for the purpose of collecting any animal whose presence thereupon is a violation of this chapter, to the extent allowed by law.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the Animal Control Officer in the exercise of his or her duties.

### § 2-105 MUNICIPAL POUND ESTABLISHED.

(a) A municipal pound shall be established to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Such a pound may be operated by a contractor and all services required herein may be provided by a contractor.

(b) When so contracted, the pound shall have the following services and facilities as a minimum:

(1) Adequate pickup and impounding of all stray and ownerless dogs and cats and animals otherwise in violation of the provisions of this chapter;

(2) Group holding facilities for stray, ownerless and unvaccinated animals impounded for violation of the provisions of this chapter;

(3) Individual isolation facilities for sick, biting, rabid and suspected rabid animals; and

(4) Facilities for the humane destruction of animals.

### § 2-106 BREAKING POUND.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to open, unlock, break open or attempt to break open the pound, or to take or let out any animal placed therein, or take or attempt to take from an authorized officer of this city any animal taken up by him or her under the provisions of this chapter, or in any manner interfere with or hinder any authorized officer or employee of this city in catching, taking up or impounding any animal.

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(b) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, other than those duly authorized, to care for, feed, attempt to feed or interfere in any way with the care of impounded animals.

**§ 2-107 RESERVED.**

**§ 2-108 RESERVED.**

**§ 2-109 KEEPING ANIMALS.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, occupant or person in charge of any premises in the city to possess and maintain any animal or fowl within the city or permit to be maintained thereon any stable, shed, pen or other place where horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats or swine, or undomesticated animals are kept.

(b) This provision shall not apply to:

(1) The maintaining of a stockyard or sales barn for the loading, unloading, temporary detention and sale of such livestock, if the location of such stockyard or sales barn does not otherwise violate the zoning ordinances of the city;

(2) The maintaining of dogs which are regulated by Art. 2 of this chapter;

(3) The maintaining of non-poisonous and non-vicious animals and fowl which are commonly kept as household pets, such as cats, hamsters, rabbits, parakeets and comparable animals, when kept as household pets and in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with § 2-113; and

(4) The transporting of animals through the city by ordinary and customary means.

**§ 2-110 ANIMAL TRAPS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, place, set out or deploy any animal trap aboveground, which makes use of a spring gun, spring jaws, clamping devices, cutting or stabbing mechanism, or any other devices that will damage or severely injure any animal when caught or trapped by the device or trap; except that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the use of animal traps that are so designed to trap and hold animals without injuring the animals.

**§ 2-111 NUISANCE; ANIMAL ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to keep or maintain such animal in the city so as to constitute a nuisance.

(b) For the purpose of this section, *NUISANCE* is defined as any animal which:

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- (1) Molests or interferes with persons in the public right-of-way;
- (2) Attacks or injures persons or other domestic animals;
- (3) Damages public or private property other than that of its owner or harborer by its activities or with its excrement;
- (4) Scatters refuse that is bagged or otherwise contained; or
- (5) Causes any condition that threatens or endangers the health or well-being of persons or other animals.

(c) If a summons is issued charging violation of this provision, a subpoena shall also be issued to the complainant to testify to the nuisance under oath.

### § 2-112 NOISY ANIMALS.

The keeping or harboring of any animal which by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling, yelping, mewing, roaring or screeching shall disturb the peace of any neighborhood is hereby prohibited. It shall be the duty of any person harboring or keeping such loud or noisy animal or animals to abate the condition, and if he or she fails to do so, the city may abate it by taking up, impounding and/or disposing of the animal at the expense of the owner.

### § 2-113 ANIMAL CONFINES; SHELTERS.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any animal in any yard, structure or area that is not clean, dry and sanitary, free from debris and offensive odors that annoy any neighbor, and devoid of rodents and vermin.

(b) Excrement shall be removed at least once each week from any animal shelter, pen or yard area where animals are kept, or more often if necessary to prevent or control odors, fly breeding or rodent infestation. If excrement is stored on the premises by any animal owner, it shall be stored in adequate containers with fly-tight lids, and all such stored or accumulated wastes shall be disposed of at least once each week.

(c) All animal shelters, pens and yards shall be so located that adequate drainage is obtained, normal drying occurs, and standing water is not present.

(d) All animal shelters and board fences confining animals shall be maintained in good repair, and all animal shelters and board fences confining animals subject to residential and commercial classification shall be protected from deterioration by painting or comparable treatment.



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(e) Barbed wire fences and electrically charged fences shall not be permitted for animal confines except on properties in which an agricultural classification permit is held or where the barbed wire fence or electrically charged fence is protected by an exterior fence.

(f) All premises in which animals are kept shall be subject to inspection by the Animal Control Officer, duly authorized law enforcement officer or Health Officer. If the Officer or Official determines from such inspection that the premises are not being maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, he or she shall notify the owner of the animals in writing to correct the sanitation deficiencies within 24 hours after notice is served on the owner. Any animal kept under any condition that could endanger the public or animal health or create a health nuisance may be impounded. Animals shall be released after fees are paid and cause for impoundment has been corrected.

### **§ 2-113A SAME; STOCKYARDS; COMMERCIAL HOLDING PENS.**

Animal shelters owned or operated as a stockyard or commercial holding pen shall be adequately maintained and cleaned as often as is necessary, as determined by the Health Officer, to control fly breeding or to control other conditions adversely affecting the public health including the following:

(a) Collected fecal material and other solid organic waste shall be disposed of at a sanitary landfill, fertilizer processing plant or by proper dispersal on land used for agricultural purposes;

(b) Grain or protein feed shall be stored in tightly covered rodent-proof metal containers or rodent-proof bins;

(c) Premises subject to the terms of this section shall be maintained free of rodent harborage;

(d) Wherever reasonable, use shall be made of anti-coagulant rodenticides for the control of rodents and organo-phosphorus insecticides for the control of flies or any other effective chemical means for the control of rodents and flies;

(e) Wherever reasonable, use shall be made of soil sterilants and herbicides or other effective means for the control of weeds and grass around structures and buildings;

(f) Enclosures including fences where animals such as horses, cows, sheep and goats are maintained shall be constructed in a manner, using dimension lumber materials, or other effective means to prevent such animals from breaking out or causing hazard to persons or property;

(g) The solid wastes accumulated from the cleaning of animal shelters and holding pens maintained by persons subject to a residential classification permit as herein provided shall be stored in metal containers, with tight-fitting metal lids, and all such stored or accumulated wastes shall be disposed of at least once each week;

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(h) Holding lots, pens and floors of sheds and buildings where animals are held and which are maintained by persons subject to a commercial, industrial or agricultural classification permit according to the terms of this chapter shall be surfaced with concrete or asphaltic materials and that the drainage system of such surfaced areas shall include proper retaining walls and traps to control the waste from draining into watercourses and such drainage system shall be subject to the approval of the Health Officer. The Health Officer shall waive this standard for domestic animal holding operations where such animal holding is longer than 24 hours for any domestic animal involved or where dirt lots are more appropriate to the proper care of cattle, horses or sheep; and

(i) Solid wastes accumulated from the cleaning of animal shelters and holding pens maintained by persons subject to a commercial, industrial or agricultural permit according to the terms of this chapter shall be stored on concrete slabs or other facilities, such as dirt lots on which is stockpiled manure with an exposed perimeter as approved by the Health Officer; provided, that all solid waste shall be properly disposed of at least once each week or as may be approved by the Health Officer.

### § 2-114 DEATH OF ANIMALS.

All dead animals shall be disposed of by the owner or keepers within 24 hours of the animal's death, by burial, incineration in a facility approved by the Animal Control Officer, by rendering or by other lawful means approved by the Animal Control Officer. No dead animal shall be dumped on any public or private property.

### § 2-115 VICIOUS ANIMALS.

(a) *Prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, possess or harbor a vicious animal within the city. Impoundment of animals whose owners have been cited for violation of this section shall be at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer. If the animal presents a clear and present danger to the public health or safety, it shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer or his or her agent to impound such animal.

(b) *Defined.* For purposes of this chapter a **VICIOUS ANIMAL** shall include:

(1) Any animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals;

(2) Any animal that attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation;

(3) Any animal owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting or any animal trained for fighting; or

(4) Any animal that is urged by its owner or harborer to attack, or whose owner or harborer threatens to provoke such animal to attack, any law enforcement officer while such officer is engaged in the performance of official duty.

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(c) *Complaint.*

(1) Whenever a sworn complaint is filed in the Municipal Court against the owner of an animal alleging that such animal is vicious and in violation of this section, the Municipal Judge shall hold a hearing to determine whether or not the animal is vicious within the meaning of this section and thereby in violation of this section. The owner of the animal shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the hearing at least one week before the hearing.

(2) In making a determination, the Municipal Judge shall consider the following:

(A) The seriousness of the attack or bite;

(B) Past history of attacks or bites;

(C) Likelihood of attacks or bites in the future;

(D) The condition and circumstances in which the animal is kept or confined; and

(E) Other factors that may reasonably relate to the determination of whether or not the animal is vicious.

(3) The Municipal Judge shall order the impoundment, the muzzling in accordance with division (d) below and/or the confinement of the animal accused of being in violation of this section in a manner and location that will ensure that it is no threat to persons or other animals pending the outcome of the hearing. If such impoundment, muzzling or otherwise safe confinement is not possible or if prior court orders to restrain such animal have gone unheeded, the Municipal Judge may order the animal immediately destroyed.

(d) *Vicious dogs to be muzzled.* It shall be the duty of every owner, keeper or harbinger of any dog in the city, which dog is vicious or has been known to bite, chase or run after any person or animal in the streets, alleys or any public place in the city, to keep the same muzzled with a good and sufficient wire or leather muzzle, securely fastened so as to wholly prevent such dog from biting any animal or person until such time as a determination has been made by the court as to whether the dog is vicious or not. Any person owning, keeping or harboring any dog within the city limits contrary to this section shall be guilty of a violation of this code.

(e) *Immediate destruction.* Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer from taking whatever action is reasonably necessary to protect himself or herself or members of the public from injury or danger, including immediate destruction of any vicious animal without notice to the owner.

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(f) *Release of.* If a complaint has been filed in the Municipal Court against the owner of an impounded animal for a charge under this section, the animal shall not be released except on the order of the Municipal Judge, who may also direct the owner to pay all impounding fees in addition to any penalties for violation of this chapter. The Municipal Judge may, upon making a finding that an animal is vicious or that it represents a clear and present danger to the citizens or to other animals in the community, order the animal to be destroyed in a humane manner by the animal shelter. Surrender of an animal by the owner thereof to the Animal Control Officer does not relieve or render the owner immune from the decision of the Court, nor to the fees and fines which may result from a violation of this section.

### **§ 2-116 RUNNING AT LARGE.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully allow any animal or fowl under his or her control to be or to run at large within the city. Any animal or fowl found at large shall be impounded as provided in §§ 2-117 or 2-207 (dogs).

### **§ 2-117 IMPOUNDMENT; FEE; NOTICE; RECORD.**

(a) The Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer shall impound any animal or fowl found at large in the city or constituting a nuisance or otherwise in violation of this chapter in a suitable pound or enclosure provided or contracted for by the city. The impounding officer shall make diligent inquiry as to the owner of the animal and shall notify the owner thereof of such impoundment as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) The city shall be entitled to receive from such owner an impoundment fee, as set by the governing body, plus the actual cost of feeding and maintaining the animal while impounded.

(c) In case the identity of the owner of the impounded animal or fowl cannot be ascertained, the Animal Control Officer or police officer shall, upon taking any such animal into custody and impounding the same, make a record thereof, with a description of the animal and the date and place taken into custody and the place of impounding, and shall thereupon immediately post a public notice stating that the animal, describing the same with the date and place of taking, has been taken up, and that unless the charges of impounding the same, together with any license fees due and unpaid, are paid within three business days from the date of the notice, that the animal will be disposed of as provided in this code.

(d) The Animal Control Officer shall each month submit a report to the person designated by the city showing the number of animals impounded and disposed of, and the fees collected pursuant to this article and shall pay those fees to the City Clerk/Administrator for credit to the General Operating Fund.

### **§ 2-118 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.**

At any time before the sale or destruction of any animal impounded under the provisions of this article, except for animals impounded under §§ 2-115 (vicious) and 2-119 (rabid), the owner thereof may redeem the animal by paying the Animal Control Officer or any person in charge, the impounding fee and all costs incurred as a result of such impoundment.

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### § 2-119 IMPOUNDMENT OF RABIES SUSPECTS.

(a) Any law enforcement officer or local Health Officer may take up, upon private or public property, any animal that has bitten or scratched a person or other animal and impound the animal in the city pound, securely penned and separated from other animals, or in a veterinary hospital or animal care facility for a period of not more than 30 days, during which time the local Health Officer shall determine whether or not such animal is suffering from a disease and, if not, the local Health Officer shall authorize the release of the animal upon payment by the owner of the boarding fee therefor. The Health Officer may authorize the keeping of any such animal on the owner's premises if the owner produces a rabies vaccination certificate showing that the animal has valid rabies vaccination protection. Impoundment costs shall be borne by the owner. If in the opinion of the local Health Officer symptoms develop justifying a microscopic examination, then the animal shall be killed and examination made by the State Board of Health.

(b) In lieu of the provisions of division (a) above, the owner of any such animal may, at his or her own expense, take such animal to any duly qualified and licensed veterinarian in the city for observation. Such veterinarian shall report his or her findings in writing to the local Health Officer. If in the opinion of such veterinarian a microscopic examination is justified, then the animal shall be turned over to the Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer to be killed and examination made by the State Board of Health.

(c) Any animal desired for observation by the local Health Officer under this section shall be delivered to the Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer upon demand and shall not be withheld, hidden or harbored. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a violation of this code. Upon refusal of any person to so deliver such animal, the Municipal Judge shall cause a warrant to be issued for the arrest of such person, which warrant shall also provide for the surrender of the animal and shall be lawful authority for the apprehending and forcible taking of such animal.

### § 2-120 ANIMALS BITTEN BY RABID ANIMALS.

(a) Whenever a dog, cat or other animal is bitten by a rabid animal or an animal later proved to have been rabid, it shall be the duty of the owner of the animal that is bitten, to report that fact to the local Health Officer and/or the Police Department.

(b) It shall also be the duty of the owner of the bitten animal to either destroy or have his or her bitten animal destroyed unless:

(1) The animal that was bitten had been vaccinated against rabies at least three weeks before being bitten and has a current vaccination;

(2) If the bitten animal has a current vaccination, it shall be confined for 90 days;

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(3) The bitten animal shall be released from confinement only upon written order from the local Health Officer, who declares the animal to be free of rabies; and

(4) If the animal is found to have contracted rabies during confinement, it shall be properly disposed of.

### § 2-121 VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ANIMALS.

Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes any animal shall stop at once and shall immediately report such injury or death to the owner of such animal, or in the event that the owner cannot be ascertained and located, the operator shall at once report the accident to the Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer.

### § 2-122 EMERGENCY; PROCLAMATION.

The Mayor is hereby authorized, whenever in his or her opinion the danger to the public safety from rabid animals is made imminent, to issue a proclamation ordering all persons owning any animal in the city to confine the animal in a good and sufficient enclosure from which the animal cannot escape, or fasten such animal by means of a chain on the premises where the owner may reside, for such time as may be specified in such proclamation. Any animal not confined during such time may be disposed of wherever found by any police officer or the Animal Control Officer of the city. The owner of such animal shall be prosecuted for such violation thereof.

### § 2-123 KENNEL LICENSES.

(a) No person or household shall own or harbor more than three dogs of six months of age or older or more than one litter of pups, or more than three cats of more than six months of age or more than one litter of kittens, or more than a total of six dogs and cats more than six months of age in any combination, or engage in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, trading, training or boarding cats or dogs or both cats and dogs, without having obtained a kennel license from the City Clerk/Administrator.

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(b) Kennel licenses must be renewed annually. No kennel license shall be issued until an inspection certificate has been issued by the Animal Control Officer certifying approval of the kennel and compliance with the applicable laws of the city and the state, and a certificate by the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer has been issued certifying that the applicant for the kennel license is not violating zoning laws of the city. If the City Clerk/Administrator has not received any protest against the kennel, the City Clerk/Administrator may issue a renewal of an existing kennel license at the same location without any report from the Animal Control Officer and Zoning Code Enforcement Officer. If the Animal Control Officer or the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer finds that the holder of any kennel license is violating any zoning law, or any other law of the state, or of the city, or is maintaining the facility in a manner detrimental to the health, safety or peace of mind of any person residing in the immediate vicinity, he or she shall report such fact to the City Clerk/Administrator, and the license shall not be renewed except after a public hearing before the governing body.

(c) The Animal Control Officer, the Zoning Enforcement Officer or any law enforcement officer shall have the right to inspect any premises licensed under this section at any reasonable time and nothing shall prevent the entry onto private property for the purpose of inspection. The application for a kennel shall constitute consent to such entry and inspection.

(d) The governing body may suspend or revoke a kennel license if, pursuant to a public hearing, it finds any of the following:

- (1) The kennel is maintained in violation of any applicable law of the state or of the city;
- (2) The kennel is maintained so as to be a public nuisance; or
- (3) The kennel is maintained so as to be detrimental to the health, safety or peace of mind of persons residing in the immediate vicinity.

(e) The annual kennel license fee shall be \$200.00. Payment of such license fee is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the dog license fees otherwise required under this chapter.

(f) This section shall not apply to and will not be construed to require a kennel license for a licensed veterinarian to operate an animal hospital.

### **§ 2-124 FEES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.**

Violation of any provision of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of WaKeeney may be deemed a municipal civil infraction, subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00, costs and other civil remedy as provided by law.

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## ARTICLE 2: DOGS

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### § 2-201 REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION REQUIRED; FEE.

(a) (1) Every owner of any dog over six months of age shall annually register with the City Clerk/Administrator his or her name and address with the name, sex and description of each dog owned and kept within the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any newly acquired dog or any dog brought into the city to fail to register such animal within 30 days from acquisition or bringing the dog into the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any previously registered dog to fail to maintain current registration of such dog.

(2) Upon registration, the owner shall present a current, completed certificate of immunization against rabies. No registration shall follow without evidence of this document, and it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog over six months of age to fail to maintain effective rabies immunization of such dog.

(3) The owner or harbinger of any dog shall, at the time of registering such dog, present to the City Clerk/Administrator a certificate from an accredited veterinarian showing that a male dog has been neutered or a female dog has been spayed, if the dog has been neutered or spayed.

(4) The City Clerk/Administrator shall collect an annual registration fee of \$5.00 for each neutered male dog and for each spayed female dog, and a fee of \$10.00 for each unneutered male dog and for each unspayed female dog.

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(5) The registration year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year. The fee shall be payable before March 1 of each year without penalty.

(b) Registration fees as enumerated above may be prorated for newly acquired dogs or for dogs owned by a person or persons moving to and establishing a home in the city during a calendar year. Every owner or harbinger of dog or dogs who shall fail to register the same prior to March 1 of each year shall pay in addition to the registration fee herein provided a penalty fee for late registration of \$5.00.

### **§ 2-202 DOG TAGS.**

It shall be the duty of the City Clerk/Administrator or designated agent, upon a showing of current rabies immunization and receipt of the registration fee hereinbefore required, to keep a record of the registration of dogs, the time of the registration, the name of the owner or keeper, the number of the registration, and the amount paid therefor, and shall deliver to the owner or keeper of the dog a certificate in writing, stating that the person has registered the dog and the number by which the dog is registered, and shall also deliver to the owner or keeper of the dog a tag with the registration number and the registration year thereon, which shall be, by the owner or keeper, attached to the collar to be used on the dog so registered. When any tag has become lost during a registration period, the owner of the dog may request a duplicate tag for the remainder of the registration period. When so requested, the City Clerk/Administrator shall, upon presentation of the registration certificate, issue a duplicate of such tag upon the payment of a fee of \$2.00. It shall be unlawful for any person to take off or remove the city registration tag from any dog belonging to another, or remove the strap or collar on which the same is fastened.

### **§ 2-203 SAME; COUNTERFEIT TAG.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place on any dog a tag issued for any other dog or to make or use any false, forged or counterfeited tag or imitation thereof.

### **§ 2-204 EVIDENCE OF VACCINATION.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog kept within the city to fail to display a current certificate of immunization against rabies issued by an accredited veterinarian evidencing the vaccination of such dog within two years, when requested by the Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer.

### **§ 2-205 VISITING DOGS.**

The provisions of this article with respect to registration shall not apply to any dog owned by any person visiting or temporarily remaining within the city for less than 30 days, however, such dogs shall be kept under restraint by the owner thereof at all times.

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### § 2-206 RUNNING AT LARGE; FINE.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or harbinger of any dog to permit such dog to run at large within the city at any time.

(b) Any dog running at large within the city shall be impounded as set out in § 2-207.

(c) The owner of any dog impounded for running at large without the tag required by § 2-202 shall, for the first offense, pay a fine of \$25.00, plus the board bill.

(d) For the first offense of an animal running at large with a tag as required by § 2-202, the owner or harbinger claiming any animal shall, in addition to presenting a registration receipt, pay the cost of the board bill. For a second offense within a one-year period, the owner or harbinger shall pay a fine of \$50.00, plus the board bill. For a third and all subsequent offenses within a one-year-period, the owner or harbinger shall pay a fine of \$75.00, plus the cost of the board bill.

### § 2-207 IMPOUNDMENT; RECORD; NOTICE; REDEMPTION; MINIMUM FEE.

(a) Any dog found in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to impoundment by the city.

(b) A record of all dogs impounded shall be kept by the city containing the following information: color; sex; weight; height; identifying marks; registration number (if any); and the date of impoundment.

(c) No dog impounded under this section shall be disposed of until after expiration of a minimum of three full business days of custody during which the public has clear access to inspect and recover the dog through time periods ordinarily accepted as usual business hours. During such time of custody, the city shall attempt to notify the owner or custodian of any dog impounded by such facility if the owner or custodian is known or reasonably ascertainable. Such dog may, at any time, be released to the legal owner, moved to a veterinary hospital for treatment or observation, released in any manner, if such dog was a gift to the animal shelter, or euthanized by a licensed veterinarian if it appears to the veterinarian that the dog is diseased or disabled beyond recovery. If within three full business days the owner does not appear to claim the dog, then the dog may be sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

(d) If at any time before the sale or destruction of any dog impounded under the provisions of this article, the owner of an impounded dog does appear and redeem the dog, it shall be turned over to the person claiming it upon payment of any impoundment fees or penalties plus the actual costs of impoundment, and shall not apply to any dog alleged as being vicious under § 2-115 or suspected of rabies under § 2-119.

(e) The minimum impoundment fee shall be \$10.00.

(f) Any dog impounded may not be released without a current rabies vaccination.

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(g) Impoundment hereunder shall not preclude any court from imposing and executing any fine that might otherwise be levied under this article for violation of any of the provisions thereof; nor shall impoundment be a defense in any prosecution commenced hereunder.

(h) The redemption of any dog impounded for a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of such provision by the person redeeming the dog.

### § 2-208 DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED DOGS.

(a) If any dog is not redeemed by its owner or harbinger within the time allowed for redemption as specified in § 2-207 thereof, the Animal Control Officer, any authorized law enforcement officer, any authorized veterinarian or any duly authorized pound personnel may destroy such dog or sell the same for the costs of impoundment and keeping, plus any registration fee due for the current year.

(b) No dog may be transferred to the permanent custody of a prospective owner unless:

(1) Such dog has been surgically spayed or neutered before the physical transfer of the dog occurs; or

(2) The prospective owner signs an agreement to have the dog spayed or neutered and deposits with the city not less than the lowest nor more than the highest cost of spaying or neutering in the community as determined by the city. Any funds deposited under such an agreement shall be refunded to such person upon presentation of a written statement signed by a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been spayed or neutered. If such person does not reclaim the deposit within six months after receiving custody of the dog, the city shall keep the deposit and may reclaim the unspayed or unneutered dog.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require sterilization of a dog that is being held by the city and that may be claimed by its rightful owner within the holding period established in § 2-207.

### § 2-209 CONFINEMENT OF DOGS IN HEAT.

(a) Any unspayed female dog in the stage of estrus (heat) shall be confined during such period of time in a house, building or secure enclosure, and the area of enclosure shall be so constructed that no other dog or dogs may gain voluntary access to the confined animal except for purposes of planned breeding.

(b) Any animal that is in the state of estrus (heat) and that is not properly confined, or any such animal that is creating a neighborhood nuisance, shall be removed to a boarding kennel, to a veterinary hospital or to the animal shelter. All expenses incurred as a result of the confinement shall be paid by the owner.

(c) The owner of animals removed to the animal shelter shall be charged at the rate established from time to time by the animal shelter for routine confinement.

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### § 2-210 MUZZLING.

Whenever the Mayor shall deem it necessary for the protection and welfare of the inhabitants of the city, he or she shall issue an order requiring all dogs kept within the city to be effectively muzzled for such length of time as may be specified in the order, to prevent them from biting or injuring persons or animals. Such order shall be published in the official newspaper of the city for such period of time as the Mayor may deem necessary.

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## **ARTICLE 3: OTHER ANIMALS**

### Section

2-301 Exotic animals

### **§ 2-301 EXOTIC ANIMALS.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep, maintain or have in his or her possession or under his or her control within the city any poisonous reptile or any other dangerous wild animal or reptile, any vicious or dangerous animal, or any other animal or reptile of wild, vicious or dangerous propensities.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or have in his or her possession or under his or her control within the city any of the following animals:

- (1) All poisonous animals including rear-fang snakes;
- (2) Apes: chimpanzees; gibbons; gorillas; orangutans; and siamangs;
- (3) Baboons;
- (4) Badgers;
- (5) Bears;
- (6) Bison;
- (7) Bobcats;
- (8) Cheetahs;
- (9) Crocodilians, 30 inches in length or more;
- (10) Constrictor snakes, six feet in length or more;
- (11) Coyotes;

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(12) Deer; includes all members of the deer family, for example, white-tailed deer, elk, antelope and moose;

(13) Elephants;

(14) Game cocks and other fighting birds;

(15) Hippopotami;

(16) Hyenas;

(17) Jaguars;

(18) Leopards;

(19) Lions;

(20) Lynxes;

(21) Monkeys;

(22) Ostriches;

(23) Pumas; also known as cougars, mountain lions and panthers;

(24) Raccoons;

(25) Rhinoceroses;

(26) Skunks;

(27) Tigers; and

(28) Wolves.

(c) The prohibitions of this section shall not apply to bona fide pet shops, zoos, circuses, carnivals, educational institutions or medical institutions, if:

(1) Their location conforms to the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the city;

(2) All animals and animal quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors; and

(3) Animals are maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape.



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(d) The Municipal Judge shall have the authority to order any animal deemed vicious confined, destroyed or removed from the city.

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## ARTICLE 4: VICIOUS ANIMALS

### Section

- 2-401 Keeping of vicious animals prohibited
- 2-402 Prohibition of the keeping of certain animals
- 2-403 Confinement

### § 2-401 KEEPING OF VICIOUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or have in his or her possession or under his or her control, within the city, any poisonous reptile or any other dangerous wild animal or reptile, any vicious or dangerous domesticated animal or any other animal or reptile of wild, vicious or dangerous propensities.

(Ord. 1269, passed - -)

### § 2-402 PROHIBITION OF THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or have in his or her possession or under his or her control within the city any of the following animals:

(a) Any warm-blooded carnivorous or omnivorous, wild or exotic animals (including, but not limited to, non-human primates, raccoons, skunks, foxes and wild or exotic cats).

(b) Any pit bull dog. **PIT BULL DOG** is defined to mean:

- (1) The Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dogs;
- (2) The American pit bull terrier breed of dogs;
- (3) The American Staffordship terrier breed of dogs;

(4) Dogs mixed breed or other breeds then listed above which breed or mixed breed is know as pit bull, pit bull dogs or pit bull terriers.

(5) Any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of the breeds of Staffordshire bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, other breed commonly known as pit bull terriers or a combination of any of these breeds.

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(c) Any Rottweiler dog or any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of the breed Rottweiler.  
(Ord. 1452, passed 1-7-2020)

**§ 2-403 CONFINEMENT.**

Sections 2-401 and 2-402 above shall not apply to zoos, circuses, carnivals, educational institutions or medical institutions, if:

(a) Their location conforms to the provisions of the zoning ordinances of the city;

(b) All animals and animal quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors; and

(c) Animals are maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape.  
(Ord. 1269, passed - -; Ord. 1452, passed 1-7-2020)

## ARTICLE 5: CHICKENS

### Section

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### § 2-501 DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**CHICK.** A chicken under the age of one year.

**CHICKEN.** The common domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*).

**HEN.** A female chicken over the age of one year.

**ROOSTER.** A male chicken over the age of one year.  
(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### § 2-502 CHICKEN PERMIT FEES AND APPLICATIONS.

(a) Any person who keeps chickens in the city shall obtain an annual permit from the City Clerk/Administrator.

(b) Application shall be made to the City Clerk/Administrator with a fee of \$30.00 for the first annual permit.

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(c) Chicken permits shall expire 12 months following the date that the permit was issued.

(d) A person who wishes to continue keeping chickens shall have obtained a renewal permit on or before the expiration date of the previous permit.

(e) Renewal permits shall be an annual fee of \$15.00

(f) Any person keeping chickens in the city that receives two or more code violations related to this article may have their permit revoked by the City Council. Anyone who has their chicken permit revoked must submit a special application for a chicken permit which may only be approved by the City Council, if approved the permit will be treated as a first annual permit with the corresponding \$30.00 fee.

(g) Anyone having been served notice of a nuisance violation including, but not limited to, weed abatement, junk vehicles, or any environmental code violation within the preceding 12 months prior to making application shall not be eligible for a chicken permit.

(h) Any person who does not have an annual permit may be issued a written warning and if an annual permit is not acquired within two business days the chickens may be impounded.  
(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### **§ 2-503 IMPOUNDMENT; FEE; NOTICE; RECORD.**

Shall be the same as § 2-117 of the city code.  
(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### **§ 2-504 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED CHICKENS.**

Shall be the same as § 2-118 of the city code.  
(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### **§ 2-505 DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CHICKENS.**

If any chicken is not redeemed by its owner or keeper within three (3) business days, the animal control officer, any authorized law enforcement officer, any authorized veterinarian or any duly authorized pound personnel may destroy chicken or sell the same for costs of impoundment and keeping, plus any annual permit fees or violation fees then due.  
(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### **§ 2-506 LIMITS ON QUANTITY.**

All residences are limited to owning or keeping a maximum of four (4) chickens, none of which may be roosters, in accordance with the terms of this article.

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(a) Roosters shall be impounded and may only be redeemed if it is shown they will no longer be kept within the City of WaKeeney.

(b) Any person keeping more than four chickens shall have all their chickens impounded. The owner may only redeem four chickens, unless it is shown the excess chickens will no longer be kept within the City of WaKeeney.

(c) Any person keeping more than four chickens has committed a municipal civil infraction and may be fined up to but not exceeding \$25.00 per chicken.

(d) Any person keeping a rooster has committed a municipal civil infraction and may be fined up to but not exceeding \$25.00 per rooster.  
(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### **§ 2-507 LOCATION OF ENCLOSURE.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain any chicken enclosure closer than 25 feet to any dwelling, other than the dwelling occupied by the owner of the chickens. Any enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so that any chicken kept therein is securely confined to that space and is prevented from escaping.

(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### **§ 2-508 SIZE AND MAINTENANCE OF CHICKEN ENCLOSURES.**

(a) The enclosure the chickens will be confined to shall be no smaller than six square feet per chicken if the chicken has a fenced outdoor run, or ten square feet per chicken if the chicken does not have a fenced outdoor run.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any chicken in any enclosure that is not clean, dry, and sanitary. The enclosure may not be filled with debris or offensive odors that annoy any neighbor nor may it have an infestation of rodents or other vermin. Excrement shall be removed daily from any enclosure where chickens are kept, and if stored on premises of any chicken owner, shall be stored in adequate containers with fly tight lids. All chicken enclosures shall be so located that adequate drainage is obtained, normal drying occurs and standing water is not present. All earthen yards where chickens are kept shall be spaded, then limed once every three (3) months from the month of April through the month of December. All enclosures wherein chickens are kept shall be sprayed to control flies and other insects.

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(c) All premises on which chickens are kept shall be subject to inspection by the city. If the city determines from such inspection that the premises are not being maintained in a clean and sanitary manner or in accordance with any part of §§ 2-507 and/or 2-508, they shall notify the owner of the animals in writing to correct the deficiencies within three business days after notice is served. Upon the second such notice within a twelve-month period, the owner shall be issued a summons for violation of this article. Any chicken kept under any condition that could endanger the public or animal's health or create a health nuisance may be impounded. Animals shall be released after fees are paid and cause for impoundments has been corrected.

(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### § 2-509 RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS.

Any person who owns or keeps chickens has a duty to exercise reasonable care and to take all necessary precautions to protect other people, property and animals from injury or damage, which might result from their chickens' behavior. If the owner or keeper of any chicken is a juvenile, the parent or guardian of such juvenile shall be responsible to ensure compliance with all provisions of this article.

(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)

### § 2-510 CARE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) It shall be unlawful cruelty to chickens for any person to own or keep any chickens and:

(1) Fail to provide sufficient and wholesome food and potable water. Fail to provide shade and protection from the weather which shall include a structurally sound, weatherproof enclosure large enough to accommodate the chickens. Fail to provide veterinary care when needed to treat injury or illness; or

(2) Abandon or leave any chickens. For the purpose of this ordinance, **ABANDON** means for the owner or keeper to leave any chicken without demonstrated or apparent intent to recover or to resume custody; leave any chicken for more than 12 hours without providing for adequate food, potable water and shelter for the duration of the absence; or turn or release any chicken for the purpose of causing it to be impounded.

(b) The violation of any part of §§ 2-507, 2-508 or 2-510 may be deemed a municipal civil infraction and will be governed by § 2-124.

(Ord. 1443, passed 7-5-2017)