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CHAPTER 6.04

ANIMALS IN GENERAL

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6.04.01 Cruelty. No person shall cruelly treat any animal within the city in any way. Any person who inhumanely beats, underfeeds, overloads or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 1.)

6.04.02 Dangerous animals. It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the city. Exhibitions or parading of animals which are ferae naturae in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the Chief of Police. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 2.)

6.04.03 Killing dangerous animals. The members of the Police Department and any other person in the city are authorized to kill any dangerous animal of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 5.)

6.04.04 Noises. It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animal or fowl which disturbs the peace and quiet by loud, unusual or obnoxious noises at any time of the day or night. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 3.)

6.04.05 Running at large. It shall be unlawful to permit any cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats or poultry or any other animals of like kind to run at large in the city. It shall further be unlawful to picket or tie any such animal in any of the streets or street right-of-ways of the city for the purpose of grazing or feeding same. The owner of any such animal running at large or so picketed or tied shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 4.)

6.04.06 Diseased animals.

- A. No domestic animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to run at large or to be exposed to any public place wherever the health of man or beast may be affected; nor shall such diseased animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner thereof, except under the supervision of the Animal Control Officer.
- B. It is hereby made the duty of the Animal Control Officer to secure such disposition of any diseased animal and such treatment of affected premises as to prevent the communication and spread of the contagious or infection, except in cases where the state or city veterinarian is empowered to act. (Ord. No. 2769, Sec. A.)

6.04.07 Keeping of swine. It shall be unlawful to keep any live swine within the corporate limits of the city. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 7.)

6.04.08 Stables, etc. to be kept clean. No person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean or unwholesome. (Ord. No. 952, Art. 1, Sec. 6.)

6.04.09 Interfering, tampering, etc. with city pound. It shall be unlawful for any person excepting the pound keeper and persons authorized by him to open the gate of the city pound, or to break the lock thereon or to break down, injure, remove, deface or destroy the fence or gate enclosing the pound, or any part thereof or to liberate in any manner any animals placed in the pound. (Digest 1934, Sec. 5809)

6.04.10 Limitations and restrictions on keeping of certain domestic animals.

- A. Definitions.
1. Domestic animals when used herein shall include cats, water fowl, gallinaceous birds which include chickens, guinea, peafowl, pheasants, quail partridges and turkeys, goats, sheep, horses and cattle over three (3) months of age, both male and female. The burden of proof shall be on the owner to establish the age of the animals.
 2. Owner is every person, firm, corporation, association or household, when the parties reside on the same property, keeping or harboring a domestic animal within the corporate limits of the city.
- B. Limitation on number of domestic animals. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or possess more than five (5) domestic animals except cattle and horses, at any one time.
- C. Restriction on keeping of horses and cows. It shall be unlawful for any owner to maintain horses and cows within the corporate limits of the city of Jonesboro within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any residence, except that this subsection shall not apply to pasture lands which exceed two (2) acres or more in area.
- D. Animal Control Officer to enforce section. The Animal Control Officer shall be authorized to enforce this section and shall issue a warning to an owner giving said owner two (2) weeks notice to remove said violation before a warrant of arrest is issued.
- E. Exemptions. Pet stores and veterinary hospitals shall be excluded from the provisions of this section.
- F. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each conviction. (Ord. No. 1650, Secs. 1-6.)
- G. Vaccination required. All cats from three (3) months of age kept in the city of Jonesboro shall be vaccinated at least once a year against rabies and it is made the duty of all owners of cats or persons having the possession or control of cats within the city to have such animals vaccinated with vaccine against rabies in an amount, quantity and quality to be approved by the state veterinarian. It shall be the duty of said owner or person having the control of said cat to cause a metal vaccination tag to be securely attached around the cat's neck and kept there at all times. (Ord. No. 3179, Sec. 1.)

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6.08.01 Definitions. The following words and phrases shall for all purposes of this chapter have the following meanings:

- A. Dogs include animals of all ages, both female and male which are members of the canine or dog family.
- B. Owner means every person, firm, partnership or corporation, owning, keeping or harboring a dog within the corporate limits of the city.
- C. A vicious animal is "unconfined" as the term is used in this section if such animal is not securely confined indoors or confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen, as described hereinafter or structure upon the premises of the owner. (Ord. No. 2126, Sec. 2)
- D. Vaccination means an injection of any vaccine for rabies approved by the state veterinarian and administered by a licensed veterinarian or agent of the health officer.

- E. A vicious animal as the term is used in this section means:
1. Any animal with a demonstrated propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to cause injury, or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or
 2. Any animal which attacks a human being or a domestic animal on two (2) or more occasions without provocation. (Ord. No. 2126, Sec. 1)
- F. Muzzle when required by this chapter, a muzzle shall be of appropriate material with sufficient strength to restrain the dog from biting and no such muzzle employed shall be made from any material or maintained on the dog in any manner so as to cut or injure the dog.
- G. Collector means the city revenue collector or his duly authorized agent. (Sec. 4-16, 1962 Code)

6.08.02 Vicious dogs. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to keep within the corporate limits of the city any vicious animal unless the said animal is securely confined indoors or confined within a pen upon the premises of the owner. The pen shall have secure sides and a secure top. If the pen has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded in the ground no less than twelve (12) inches.

No person owning, harboring, or having the care of a vicious animal shall allow or permit such animal to go unconfined on the premises of such person.

No person, owning, harboring or having the care of a vicious animal shall allow or permit such animal to be loose unless it is securely leashed with a leash no longer than four (4) feet in length. No person shall permit a vicious animal to be kept on a chain, rope or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless a person is in physical control of the leash. Such animal may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as: Trees, posts, buildings, etc. unattended. In addition, all vicious animals on a leash outside its kennel or pen must be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent such animal from biting persons or other animals. (Ord. No. 2126, Sec. 3)

Any person found guilty of violating this section shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense or imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days or both. In addition, any vicious animal which attacks a human being may be ordered destroyed when, in the Court's judgment, such vicious animals represent a continuing threat of serious harm to human beings. It shall be an affirmative defense if the intended victim of any attack has made an unlawful entry into the dwelling of the owner. (Ord. No. 2126, Sec. 4)

6.08.03 Number of dogs. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, keep or harbor more than five (5) dogs over three (3) months of age within the corporate limits of the city except that this provision shall not apply to proprietors of dog hospitals and veterinarians when such dogs are kept upon premises used by such dog hospital and veterinarians as their normal place of business. Keeping on the premises of the owner of more than five (5) dogs shall be prima facie evidence of violation of this section and the burden of proof shall be on the owner to show the ages of such dogs. (Ord. No. 2769, Sec. B.)

6.08.04 Vaccination required. All dogs from three (3) months of age kept in the city of Jonesboro shall be vaccinated at least once a year against rabies and it is made the duty of all owners of dogs or persons having the possession or control of dogs within the city to have such animals vaccinated with vaccine against rabies in an amount, quantity and quality to be approved by the state veterinarian. It shall be the duty of said owner or person having the control of said dog to cause a metal vaccination tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times. (Ord. No. 2769, Sec. C.)

6.08.05 Dogs to be confined. From and after the passage of this chapter, any person owning, possessing or keeping a dog or dogs, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, licensed or unlicensed, shall confine such dog or dogs within an adequate fence or enclosure or within a house, garage or other building or shall confine such dog or dogs by a chain or leash affixed to the dog's collar and attached to some substantial stationary object adequate to prevent the dog or dogs from running at large. (Ord. No. 1266, Sec. 6.)

6.08.06 Collar and tag required; disposition of untagged dogs. All dogs within the corporate limits of the city of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall be required to have attached to a collar or harness a tag which shall state the name, address, and telephone number, if applicable of the owner.

Any dog picked up without a tag shall be considered to be a stray or abandoned dog for the purposes of this section and may be humanely destroyed within twenty-four (24) hours unless reclaimed by its owner within the twenty-four (24) hour period. (Ord. No. 1651, Sec. 2.)

6.08.07 Running at large. No person owning, possessing or keeping a dog shall allow the same to run at large within the city of Jonesboro. Certified police canines being utilized by law enforcement personnel in a valid law enforcement function or incident are exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. (Ord. No. 2316, Sec. 1.)

6.08.08 Animal Control Officer; duties. There is hereby created the position of Animal Control Officer whose salary shall be fixed by the City Council. The Animal Control Officer shall be entitled to additional help as from time to time is determined by a majority vote of the City Council.

Appointment of the Animal Control Officer shall be by the Mayor, subject to the consent

and approval of the Jonesboro City Council. The Animal Control Officer shall exercise the

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powers and duties as provided in this ordinance and in addition thereto shall perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Mayor and/or City Council. He/she shall be considered an employee of the Jonesboro Police Department but shall not be a regularly commissioned police officer.

It is hereby made the duty of the Mayor and Animal Control Officer to provide a suitable place to be known and designated as the "City Dog Pound" to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and including the construction of a suitable number of individual pens where particular dogs may be kept separate and apart from the remainder. (Ord. No. 1892, Sec. 1)

6.08.09 Dogs impounded - how redeemed. The owner of any dogs impounded hereunder may redeem the same by paying all of the costs, charges and penalties assessed, if any, that have accrued up to the time of making the redemption, including the cost of having the dog vaccinated and when all said charges have been paid to the poundkeeper, it shall be his duty and he shall release the dog from said pound and deliver him to the owner thereof. (Ord. No. 1804, Sec. 1(b))

6.08.10 Public notice. Immediately after impounding any dog hereunder, it shall be the duty of the poundkeeper to enter upon the records of the pound in a book, to be kept by him for such purposes: the date of impounding, a description of the dog impounded, and a record as to whether or not such dog has been vaccinated and tagged as required by the ordinances of said city. Said pound book shall be open to the public for the inspection of any interested party. (Ord. No. 1804, Sec. 1(c))

6.08.11 Claiming impounded animal. Any person owning, possessing or keeping an animal which has been allowed to run at large and which has been impounded may retrieve such animal from the City Pound by payment of a fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) which fee shall be assessed for the purpose of vaccination of impounded animal prior to their retrieval and reclamation by owners. The cost of reclamation shall increase to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the second (2nd) offense and upon the third (3rd) offense, the penalty shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the Animal Control Officer shall issue a citation to Jonesboro Municipal Court. An additional charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day shall be levied for each animal held over twenty-four (24) hours. The reclamation of two (2) or more animals by the same owner or household shall constitute separate charges. (Ord. No. 2352, Sec. 1)

6.08.12 Diseased dogs; disposition. The Animal Control Officer shall immediately take any injured, ill or diseased dog to the city veterinarian who shall examine the dog or have the agent or employee examine the dog and shall determine whether or not the dog has contracted a disease or illness which is infectious or contagious to other animals or humans or is injured to such an extent that the dog will not recover from its injury or is in severe pain and if it is determined by the city veterinarian or his agent or employee that the dog had contracted an infectious disease or is so injured or is in severe pain as stated above, the city veterinarian or his agent or employee shall immediately and humanely destroy the dog. (Ord. No. 1651, Sec. 3.)

6.08.13 Dogs suspicioned rabid. Any dog or dogs having rabies or symptoms thereof or suspected of having rabies or which has been exposed to rabies shall immediately be released by the owner or custodian of such dog or dogs to the police or Animal Control Officer of the city of Jonesboro for disposal or confinement in a veterinary hospital approved by the city for a period of time specified by the Arkansas State Health Department or the physician who treats the bite victim, whichever period is longer. (Ord. No. 1805, Sec. 1.)

6.08.14 Barking and howling. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep on his premises, or under his control, any dog which by loud and frequent barking and howling shall disturb the peace and quiet of any person who may reside within reasonable proximity of the place where such dog is kept. (Ord. No. 1266, Sec. 13.)

6.08.15 Inspection and confinement of certain dogs.

- A. When any dog has bitten, scratched or otherwise attacked a person, that person or anyone having knowledge of such incident shall immediately notify the Jonesboro Police Department or Animal Control Officer.
- B. Such dogs shall be confined at a veterinary hospital at the dog owner's expense, for a period of ten (10) days as specified by the Arkansas State Health Department or the physician who treats the bite victim.
- C. If the owner is able to provide proof of a rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian within the past twelve (12) months, and the victim waives the requirement of confinement at a veterinary hospital, the animal may be confined, by the owner, and segregated from all other animals for a ten (10) day period.
- D. Failure to keep the dog confined will result in impoundment of the animal and a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Every day the dog is not confined, as outlined above, may be deemed a separate violation.
- E. At the end of the ten (10) day confinement, if confinement is by the owner, the dog must be made available for inspection by the Animal control Officer. If necessary the Animal control Officer can order the animal examined by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the owner. (Ord. No. 2394, Secs. 1-5.)

6.08.16 Condition of pens and premises. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation keeping or harboring dogs to fail to keep the premises where such dogs are kept free from offensive dog odors to the extent that such odors are disturbing to any person residing within reasonable proximity of the said premises; and it shall be unlawful to allow premises where dogs are kept to become unclean and a threat to the public health by failing to diligently and systematically remove all animal waste from the premises. (Ord. No. 1266, Sec. 15.)

6.08.17 Notice of offenses and violations; arrest. The Police Department and humane officer or persons employed by such department are authorized for violation of any portion of this chapter to give to the offender a notice to appear in the municipal court, criminal division, of the city of Jonesboro. Such notice to appear shall state the name and address of the violator and the date of the violation shall contain a statement of the nature of the violation and be signed by the person having knowledge of such violation and who is also a member of one of the departments of the city of Jonesboro before mentioned. The notice shall contain a printed statement in which the violator promises to appear in the District Court, criminal division, without issuance of any warrant or other process and which statement is to be signed by the violator. Upon failure to sign the agreement to appear, the officer or employee shall swear out a complaint and the usual procedure upon the filing of complaints in the municipal court shall govern the arrest and trial of the violator. Upon the violator's signing the agreement to appear and his appearance as set out in the notice, no warrant shall be issued for the arrest of the violator. (Ord. No. 1266, Sec. 16.)

6.08.18 Extension of time to reduce number of dogs. The provisions of Section 6.08.03 shall be unenforceable for a period of three (3) months from and after the adoption of this chapter, thereby allowing owners ample time to provide for quartering and care of dogs elsewhere than on owner's premises in the event owner owns five (5) or more dogs covered by this chapter. (Ord. No. 1266, Sec. 17.)

6.08.19 Penalties.

- A. Any person owning, possessing or keeping a dog which has been allowed to run at large and which has been impounded may retrieve such dog from the city pound by a payment of a fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) if the dog is currently vaccinated as required by law or said person may retrieve and reclaim such dog which is not currently vaccinated by payment of a fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). The burden of proof to the vaccination of the dog shall be upon the party attempting to claim the dog from the Animal Control Officer under this ordinance.
- B. Any person owning, possessing or keeping a dog which has been allowed to run at large within the city of Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction for the first offense be subject to a fine of not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00). If that same person is convicted of allowing a dog to run loose within the city of Jonesboro a second time, said person shall be subject to a fine of not more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00); if a person is convicted of a third offense of allowing a dog to run loose within the city of Jonesboro, that party shall be subject to a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Each subsequent offense shall constitute a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The fine shall be in addition to all charges imposed upon said party in

claiming and retrieving such dog from the city pound. (Ord. No. 1633, Secs. 1-2.)

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CHAPTER 6.12

LIONS

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6.12.01 Unlawful to keep. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or harbor a lion within the city of Jonesboro, Arkansas. (Ord. No. 1886, Sec. 1)

6.12.02 Defined. A lion shall be defined as a large carnivorous mammal of the cat family. (Ord. No. 1886, Sec. 2)

6.12.03 Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation who violates Section 6.12.01 of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$100.00). (Ord. No. 1886, Sec. 3)

