

Chapter 3 ANIMAL CONTROL

7-3-1. TITLE.

This Chapter shall be known as *THE ANIMAL WELFARE AND CONTROL ORDINANCE*.

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7-3-2. DEFINITIONS.

All terms used in this Chapter are intended to have standard definitions, meanings and connotations, and are intended to be consonant with the meanings ascribed to them in other chapters of this Code, but the following terms also have the specific meanings stated as follows:

ADEQUATE: Sufficient for a specific requirement and/or lawfully and reasonably sufficient.

ADEQUATE FEED: The provision at suitable intervals, but in no event less than once every twenty four (24) hours, or a quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the animal's physical condition and age, sufficient to maintain an adequate level of nutrition in the animal, such foodstuff to be served in a clean receptacle, dish or container.

ADEQUATE WATER: The access to a sufficient supply of clean, fresh, potable water provided at suitable intervals for the animal's physical needs and the climatic conditions.

ANIMAL: All male and female living beings, except members of the human race, characterized by having sensation and voluntary motion, including, but not limited to, all domesticated, tame and/or wild mammals, livestock or raptors. Except that with regard to the portions of this Chapter pertaining to the protection and welfare of animals and the public, the term "animal" shall not include pests, invertebrates or cold-blooded vertebrates, as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes section 555.005.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Any person or persons appointed by the City Manager to perform the applicable functions specified herein.

AT LARGE: The applicable animal is not physically restrained by a rein, lead or leash, and not confined in a building or in a cage, coop, pen or other adequately fenced enclosure. ~~[An animal shall not be considered "at large" while under the direct supervision and control of an owner or trainer who is giving auditory and/or visual commands to such animal; provided, that such animal is obeying such commands or not in any way violating the provisions of this Chapter.]~~

BITE: A puncture, bruise, abrasion or tear of skin inflicted by the teeth of an animal.

CAT: Any member of the biological species *Felis catus* or *Felis domestica*, commonly known as the domestic cat, or whatever breed or mixture of breeds.

CITY LICENSE OFFICER: Any person or persons appointed by the City Manager to perform the applicable functions specified herein.

CITY POUND: The Boulder City animal control shelter or such other shelter as the City Council may by resolution designate from time to time as a place to receive and confine animals.

CONFINED: Means a condition whereby an animal is restricted to the property of the owner and/or caretaker by enclosed lot, leash, cord or chain of suitable length for the type of animal, as determined by the animal control authority from specifications furnished to him/her by the Clark County Veterinary Medical Association, and so

placed that the animal has free access to feed, water and shelter, and further, so affixed as to preclude the animal becoming entangled on any obstruction; and the cage, coop, stable, leash, cord, chain or fence barrier shall be of such size and length to permit the animal to stand upright and lie down, and of such further dimensions as shall be deemed adequate by the animal control authority from specifications furnished to him/her by the Clark County Veterinary Medical Association to allow the animal comfort and safety.

CUSTODIAN: One entrusted with guarding and keeping property, such as animals, or records.

DOG: Any member of the biological species *Canis familiaris*, commonly known as the domestic dog, of whatever breed or mixture of breeds.

ENCLOSE: To hold in.

FERAL: Any wild animal, not domesticated, cultivated or tame.

FERAL FELINE OR CANINE: Any member of the domestic feline or canine species, which have either reverted back to a wild state of survival, or have been born to an unowned, nondomesticated feline or canine in such a state.

FOWL: Any edible bird.

HEALTH OFFICER: Any Clark County health officer assigned to duty with the City, or any person or persons appointed by the City Manager to perform the applicable functions specified herein.

HUMANE MANNER: Treating animals firmly but with kindness, tenderness and compassion, and furnishing to animals necessary facilities, supplies and amenities such as wholesome food, potable water, and shelter which is adequately shaded, ventilated, cleaned, and properly heated or cooled. Destroying an animal in a humane manner shall mean bringing about the death of such animal by the injection of sodium pentobarbital (or by the administration of carbon dioxide or chloroform on recently born puppies or kittens whose eyes are not yet open). Destroying an animal by the use of a firearm or other weapon may be considered humane only if done properly, within legal boundaries and instantaneous death of the animal results.

IMPOUND: The act of taking or receiving into custody by any animal control, police or peace officer any animal for the purposes of confinement in an animal shelter consistent with the provisions of this Chapter.

INHUMANE MANNER: Any treatment of animals which is not done in a "humane manner", as defined herein.

LIVESTOCK: All members of the bovine, equine, porcine, with the sole exception of the miniature pot belly pig, all poultry or domesticated fowl or birds. (Nevada Revised Statutes section 561.025)

OWNER: Any person having a property interest in or custody of an applicable animal or who keeps or harbors such animal or who knowingly permits or allows such animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by such person. With respect to an animal owned wholly or partly by a person of minor age, the term "owner" shall include the parents or guardians of such minor person.

RABIES QUARANTINE AREA: Any area in which a state of emergency has been declared to exist due to the occurrence of rabies in animals in or adjacent to this area.

SHELTER: Protection from the elements as hereinafter provided.

STRAY ANIMAL: Any animal of which the ownership is unknown.

SUFFICIENT: Enough to meet the needs of a situation or a proposed end as may be determined by the Animal Control Officer.

TORTURE OR CRUELTY: Every act of omission or commission whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted.

VETERINARIAN: Any person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State or in any sister state in which vaccination or treatment of an applicable animal took place.

VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS ANIMAL: These terms, or any combination of such terms, shall mean any animal which unprovokedly bites any human being or animal, or in a terrorizing manner approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack.

WILD ANIMAL: Wild animal means any animal found naturally in an undomesticated state, whether indigenous to this State, County, continent or not. Wild animal includes, but is not limited to: badger, bobcat, coyote, wolf, kit fox, fox, mink, big horn sheep, mountain lion, panther, raccoon, skunk, weasel, ferret, opossum, ocelot, jaguar, jaguroundi, lynx, wolverine, squirrel, chipmunk, all nonhuman primates, tiger, boar, javelina, coatimundi, muskrat, prairie dog, deer, elk, armadillo, kangaroo, wallaby, pachyderm, llamas, ostrich, raptor, anaconda, cobra, coral snake, all pit-vipers.

WILD STATE: Living in a state of nature not ordinarily tame or domesticated or amenable to control or restraint.

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7-3-3. KEEPING OF ANIMALS.

A. *Animal License Required.* Every owner having within the City any dog, cat or miniature pot belly pig over the age of four (4) months shall, within thirty (30) days after such animal attains the age of four (4) months or within thirty (30) days after first bringing such animal into the City, whichever date is later, obtain for such animal and thereafter continuously maintain a current and valid animal license issued by the City as provided herein.

1. *Renewal.* Each animal license issued by the City shall be valid for up to three (3) years. The fee for each animal license shall be determined by the City Council as provided in Section 7-3-15 of this Chapter.

2. *Attaching License To Animal.* The owner of any licensed animal shall obtain and maintain for such animal a collar or harness (or, for use on a cat or ferret only, a breakaway collar) on which shall be securely fastened the vaccination tag specified in subsection C(1)(c) of this Section and the license tag specified in subsection A(3) of this Section. Such collar or harness (or breakaway collar) shall be worn by such animal at all times when not confined on the premises of its owner; provided, however, that if such animal cat has the number of its license prominently and indelibly marked or tattooed on its groin, ear or other easily detectable body part, then the wearing of such collar or harness (or breakaway collar) shall not be so required. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove any license tag issued under the provisions of this Section from any animal not owned by him or not lawfully in his possession or under his control, or for any person to place on any animal, or to permit any animal in his control or possession to wear, any license tag not issued or provided in this Section for that particular animal, or to have in possession or to make or to place on such animal or to have in possession any animal wearing any counterfeit or imitation of any license tag provided for in this Section.

3. *Receipts And Tags.* The License Officer shall deliver to each person obtaining an animal license a receipt showing the amount paid, the date of payment, and the number of the animal tag, and he or she shall furnish to the owner a numbered license tag of durable material. If the animal license tag is subsequently lost or destroyed, the owner of the applicable animal shall apply for a replacement animal license within thirty (30) days, with the fee for such replacement license to be the same as for an original license.

4. *Registration.* The City shall keep a register of all licenses issued, showing the name and address of the licensee, date of rabies vaccination expiration, and the number of the tag. The City shall also maintain an alphabetical file of the license certificates, with attached rabies vaccination certificate, by the name of the licensee.

B. *Keeping Of Animals.* In all land use zones of the City, "guide dogs" or "hearing dogs" are allowed to be kept and used by "blind persons" or "deaf persons", respectively, as such quoted terms are defined in Nevada Revised Statutes sections 426.041, 426.055, 426.075 and 426.081, subject to all other provisions of this Code.

A permitted incidental use in all land use zones of the City is the keeping of adult animals not exceeding an aggregate of three (3) such animals, plus any number of offspring under the age of six (6) months who are the progeny of such permitted adult animals, anything in Title 11 of this Code to the contrary notwithstanding.

C. *Rabies Vaccination Of Dog, Cat, Ferret, Wolf-Hybrid, Miniature Pot Belly Pig And Livestock When Applicable Under The Rabies Control Authority.*

1. *Rabies Vaccination Required For Dog, Cat, Miniature Pot Belly Pig And All Livestock When Applicable.* Every owner having a dog, cat, miniature pot belly pig and all livestock, when applicable, in the City limits, shall cause such animals to be initially vaccinated with rabies vaccine within a period of thirty (30) days from the date such dog or cat attains the age of four (4) months, or otherwise determined by a licensed veterinarian for the rabies vaccine to be administered, or from the date such animal is first acquired, kept or harbored within the City limits, whichever date is later, provided, however, that:
 - a. *Exception; Previous Vaccination.* This initial vaccination requirement shall not apply to any such animal as described in subsection C(1) of this Section, which has previously received, and can show proof of, such rabies vaccination within one year preceding such date, from a licensed veterinarian in the State or any sister state.
 - b. *Revaccination.* Every owner having any such animal as described in subsection C(1) of this Section, in the City limits which has been vaccinated with a rabies vaccine shall cause such animal to be revaccinated within such a period of time to be determined by a licensed veterinarian and the expiration date of rabies vaccine used, and/or the State rabies control authority.
 - c. *Rabies Vaccination Certificate.* Every veterinarian who vaccinates a dog, cat, miniature pot belly pig or applicable livestock with a rabies vaccine shall issue to the owner or custodian of any such animal (with the exception of livestock), a durable tag, evidencing such vaccination, to be attached to the collar or harness of such animal and such veterinarian shall also issue to such owner or custodian a signed certificate, in duplicate, stating therein the name and description of any such animal, the date of vaccination, expiration date of immunity, and the type of vaccine used. No vaccine shall be used unless it is designated by its manufacturer to be effective for its purpose, pertaining to such animal, and to be administered only by a licensed veterinarian.
 - d. *Rabies Vaccination Certificate Required For Dog, Cat, Miniature Pot Belly Pig Licensing.* Every person applying for a City animal license must exhibit a certificate signed by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State or any sister state, which certificate must show that such animal for which the license is sought has been vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of this subsection. No license for such animal shall be issued until such certificate is so exhibited and a copy thereof has been furnished to the License Officer.

D. *Pet Fancier/Foster Permit.*

1. A person may own, keep or possess on his or her property not more than six (6) dogs spayed or neutered as required by Section 7-3-8 of this Chapter or six (6) cats spayed or neutered as required by Section 7-3-8 of this Chapter, or any combination thereof if the combined number of animals does not exceed six (6), provided that the person has obtained from the Animal Control Officer a pet fancier/foster permit.
2. The pet fancier/foster permit is valid for up to three (3) years and must be timely renewed.
3. The Animal Control Officer shall issue the pet fancier/foster permit only after inspecting the applicant's property and determining that the dogs or cats, or both, will be safely confined in a completely enclosed building, residence or enclosed lot and do not pose a nuisance to the public. The Animal Control Officer, may limit the amount of dogs or cats allowed under the

fancier/foster permit to a number less than the maximum amount permitted by this Section 7-3-3-D if, after inspection, the Animal Control Officer finds that applicant's property is not suitable for a higher number of dogs or cats based upon the size, condition, or adequacy of the applicant's property.

4. Each cat or dog permitted under a fancier/foster permit must have a registered microchip identification device and be up-to-date on rabies vaccination.

5. A fancier/foster permit shall not be issued to, and shall be revoked from, a person who keeps an animal that has been declared dangerous.

6. A fancier/foster permit shall not be issued to, and shall be revoked from, a person who violates the provisions of this Chapter related to public safety or animal welfare.

7. If an application for a fancier/foster permit is denied or a permit is revoked, the applicant or permittee, as applicable, may make a written request for a review of the application denial or permit revocation by submitting a request for review to the city manager. The city manager shall review all relevant information and make a decision within 30 days of receipt of the request for appeal. The city manager's decision is final.

7-3-4. BUSINESS INVOLVING ANIMALS.

- A. *Business Involving Animals.* Businesses involving the keeping, treating, grooming and/or boarding of animals are governed by the provisions of Title 4 and Title 11 of this Code, and by the applicable State statutes pertaining to animals.

7-3-5. DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS ANIMALS.

- A. *General.* It shall be unlawful for any person to have, house, shelter, quarter, own or in any other way have under his control or custody a vicious, dangerous or ferocious animal within the City limits, whether such vicious, dangerous or ferocious animal be allowed to run at large within the City, or confined on private property, except as provided in subsections 4 and 7 of this Section.
- B. *Dangerous Or Vicious Animal, Unlawful Acts; Penalties.*
1. As used in this subsection, a dog is:
 - a. Dangerous if:
 - (1) It is so declared pursuant to this subsection; or
 - (2) Without provocation it behaves menacingly to a degree that would lead a reasonable person to defend himself against substantial bodily harm, when the dog is:
 - i. Off the premises of its owner or keeper; or
 - ii. Not confined in a cage, pen or vehicle.
 - b. Provoked when it is tormented or subjected to pain.
 - c. Vicious if:
 - (1) Without being provoked it kills or inflicts substantial bodily harm upon a human being or another animal; or
 - (2) After its owner or keeper has been notified by a law enforcement agency that it is dangerous, it continues the behavior described in subsection B(1)(c)(1) of this Section.

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2. A dog may be declared dangerous by a law enforcement agency if it is used in the commission of a crime by its owner or keeper.
 3. A dog may not be found dangerous or vicious because of a defensive act against a person who was committing or attempting to commit a crime or who provoked the dog.
 4. A person who knowingly:
 - (a) Owns or keeps a vicious dog, for more than seven (7) days after he has actual notice that the dog is vicious; or
 - (b) Transfers ownership of a vicious dog after he has actual notice that the dog is vicious, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
 5. In lieu of, or in addition to, a penalty provided in this Section, an order may be issued by the Municipal Judge for the vicious dog to be humanely destroyed.
 6. This Section does not apply to a dog used by a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duty.
- C. *Allowing Dangerous Or Vicious Animals To Escape Or Run At Large.* Dangerous or vicious animals may be killed. Financial liability falls on the person(s) having care or custody of animals which bother, injure or kill animals belonging to another person.
- D. *Muzzle.* Any vicious or dangerous animal leaving the private property or confines of the owner or person in charge of the animal shall be securely muzzled with a muzzle of such design and material as may be necessary to prevent such animal from biting any human or any other animal.
- E. *Parades.* It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous or vicious animal to be in exhibitions or parades in the City, except as provided in Section 7-3-11 of this Chapter.
- F. *Exception.* An exception to subsection 1 of this Section is herein provided for animals confined to private property and under the direct control of the owner of the animal. Any animal which is known to have vicious or dangerous propensities may be kept and housed within the City, provided the following conditions are met:
1. The private property must be adequately and properly posted with conspicuous warning signs, with identification of the owner (and trainer, if applicable) and the telephone numbers where emergency calls can be made to persons able to control such animal.
 2. The animal shall be kept, confined or housed within an enclosure:
 - (a) That is adequate to ensure the animal's retention and of a size sufficient to permit the animal to stand upright and to exercise reasonably; and
 - (b) That is high enough so that the animal cannot bite or harm anyone by overreaching the top of the fence or other enclosure.
- G. *Bites Or Injuries.* The exception provided for in subsection 4 of this Section shall not apply when any person is on the private property of another who has chosen to own, maintain or house a vicious or dangerous animal and said animal bites or injures in any way the said person, whether a guest, invitee or licensee, whenever such person is lawfully on the property of the owner or person in control of the animal. Keeping, harboring or maintaining any animal which bites or injures any human being as stated in this subsection shall be prima facie evidence of violation of subsection 1 of this Section.
- H. *Destruction Authorized.* The members of the Police Department and the Animal Control Officer are authorized to destroy any dangerous or vicious animal in a humane manner when it is necessary for the protection of any person's life or safety.

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- I. *Exceptions For Police Dogs.* This section is not applicable to trained attack or patrol dogs owned by the City and on duty with and under the control of the Police Department while such dogs and their assigned handlers or trainers are in the performance of their official duties.

7-3-6. ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

- A. *Animals Running At Large.* It is unlawful for any person having charge, custody or control of any "animal", as previously defined in Section 7-3-2 of this Chapter, to actively encourage or wilfully permit or negligently allow any such animal to run at large or trespass on any private premises of another, or to be on any public highway, street, sidewalk, alley, court, public ground or unfenced or otherwise unenclosed lot, or not within a sufficient, confined enclosure within the City limits; provided, however, that all equine animals are harnessed or saddled and bridled, or haltered, or dogs, cats or miniature pot belly pigs are led by an adequate and sufficient leash, lead, rope or chain and wearing rabies and animal licenses issued by the License Officer in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter and in the actual custody and control of a person capable of adequately restraining such animal, are excepted from the operation of this Section.
- B. *Animals.* No animal is permitted upon the public streets or public property or off the premises of the owner unless such animal under the reasonable control of the owner or unless such animal is confined in the process of being transported.
1. Any animal shall be deemed to be under reasonable control when such a animal is on the premises of its owner or custodian of such animal, premises being construed not to include the parkway and sidewalk in front of the owner's or custodian's premises. An animal at large shall be deemed to be not under reasonable control.
 2. An animal shall be deemed not to be under reasonable control when such an animal commits damage to the person or property of anyone other than the owner or custodian, except in defense of the owner, custodian, his family or property.
 3. All animals injured or killed in the street shall be considered as running at large and the Animal Control Officer shall remove all said animals and, at his discretion, take those needing medical attention to a veterinarian or to the City animal shelter. The owners of such animals shall be liable for all expense of such veterinary treatment and of the impoundment or disposal.

7-3-7 IMPOUNDING ANIMALS.

- A. *Running At Large Or Other Violation.* Any animals found running at large or without a numbered license tag or other identification, branded or tattooed on such animal, or in violation of any provision of this Chapter, and any animal which has been reported to the Police Department or to the Animal Control Officer as being abandoned or unclaimed, may be impounded at the City animal shelter by the Animal Control Officer and, upon such impoundment, shall be kept there for a period of not less than five (5) days (or 10 days in the case of obviously licensed or otherwise marked animals exclusive of the day of impoundment, unless released earlier as provided herein). If any animal running at large, with or without a numbered license tag, tattoo or other means of marked identification, cannot be captured but can be identified, the Animal Control Officer may issue a citation to the owner of such animal dog for violating this subsection and/or subsection 7-3-6 of this Section.
- B. *Quarantine Of Animal Which Has Bitten Person.* Any animal which has bitten a person shall be quarantined for a period of ten (10) days or pursuant to State rabies control authority requirements.
1. The owner shall have the option of quarantine at home for the required time if there is a current rabies vaccination certificate at the time of the bite and if this is the first incident of biting, or if the animal can be satisfactorily contained.

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2. If there is no current rabies vaccination certificate at the time of the bite, or if this is not the first incident of biting, the animal shall be quarantined at the City pound or placed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian for observation, at the expense of the owner of such animal.
- C. *Conditions For Release of Impounded Animal.* If the ownership of the animal is proven and the owner calls for it within the impoundment period, he shall be able to remove it upon performance of the conditions listed herein. No adult animal so impounded shall be released to any person except where the following conditions have been performed:
1. *Presenting A Current License.* A current license shall be presented for such animal issued by the License Officer, or if the person keeping, harboring or having such animal is not a resident of the City, such nonresident person shall present a current license for such animal issued by any other municipality or county if issued by the municipality of residence of such owner.
 - a. If such adult animal was licensed and the collar bearing the license number is lost or the license tag is lost, the owner shall obtain a replacement of such at the expense of the owner.
 - b. If no valid license had been issued for such adult animal for the then current year, and the claiming owner of such animal is a resident of the City, the Animal Control Officer shall issue a citation to such owner for violation of Section 7-3-3(A).
 2. *Proof Of Vaccination.* Proof must be shown to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer that such animal has been vaccinated with rabies vaccine within the time periods and according to the requirements prescribed in this Chapter.
 - a. If the Animal Control Officer suspects that any animal so impounded may have been exposed to rabies, he shall hold such animal for inspection by the health officer or a veterinarian. If it is determined that such animal does not have or is not reasonably believed to have rabies, the animal shall be released in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. In the event it is determined that such animal is afflicted with rabies, it shall be disposed of or confined for such time as is stipulated by this Chapter and/or the State rabies control authority.
 3. *Payment Of Impounding Fees.* Payment shall be made to the Animal Control Officer for the collection and impoundment fees. In addition, the owner will be required to pay a fee per day for keep of each animal.
 4. *Release Of Animal.* If all the conditions of this subsection have been satisfied, the Animal Control Officer shall release such animal to the person keeping, harboring or having such animal to the person making application for the release of such animal. Impounded animals who are not required to be licensed and vaccinated may be released to such person without compliance with the foregoing conditions, but the claiming owner will be required to pay the collection, impoundment and boarding fees.
- D. *Collection And Impoundment Fees.* The basic collection and impoundment fees shall be set, and revised from time to time, by resolution of the City Council as provided in Section 7-3-15 of this Chapter. Such basic fees shall be charged to owners of animals for the first instance of impoundment of an animal under the provisions of subsection 1 of this Section. For the second instance of such impoundment of a animal owned by the same owner, whether or not concerning the same animal, the owner shall be charged collection and impoundment fees twice the amount of such basic fees. For subsequent similar instances of impoundment, the owner shall be charged collection and impoundment fees equal to such basic fees multiplied by the number of times animals owned or controlled by such owner have been impounded under the provisions of subsection 1 of this Section. For the purpose of establishing the

amount of such multiple fees, any impoundment occurring more than two (2) years previously shall be disregarded.

- E. *Disposal Of Unclaimed Animal.* If the ownership is not proven within the impoundment period specified in subsection 1 of this section, then such animal shall be destroyed in a humane manner under the direction of the animal control officer; provided, however, the animal control officer may offer any unclaimed animal which he would by this chapter be authorized to destroy, for adoption to any person; provided, that the person seeking to adopt such animal shall pay the established adoption fee, if any, shall pay the basic impoundment and board fees, and shall procure for such animal the necessary collar and license. Unless the animal control officer finds evidence that the animal to be adopted has received the current rabies vaccination required by this chapter, the person seeking adoption shall be required to have the animal vaccinated accordingly. The City Council may by resolution establish, and revise from time to time, adoption fees for unclaimed animals, which adoption fees need not be uniform for such animals but may vary according to sex, age, size, appearance, disposition, obedience training, and/or apparent breed or mixture of breeds. It is the policy of the City to encourage such adoptions, and the animal control officer will make available to interested nonprofit humane societies, animal shelter organizations, animal adoption agencies and other similar groups, upon request of such organizations, listings of the animals currently being held in the City pound which will be available for adoption if unclaimed.
1. *Adoption Of Female Animals.* No female animal capable of reproduction shall be released for adoption until a certificate is presented, which will be redeemable at any veterinarian clinic specifically designated therein, to assure that said animal will be spayed. These certificates may be purchased from the License Officer.
- F. *Female Animal Running At Large.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or any person having the control or possession of any female animal to knowingly allow or permit such animal to run at large during such animal's rutting or copulation season, and any female animal found running at large during such season may be impounded at the City pound and held for the duration of such season subject to the provisions herein. If such animal is not voluntarily impounded, as provided in this subsection, the collection and impoundment fees to be charged to the owner of such animal shall be twice the amount otherwise applicable.
- G. *Sick Or Injured Animals.* Any sick or injured animal impounded may be destroyed in a humane manner at any time after impoundment, if, in the professional judgment and with the certification of a veterinarian, inhumane suffering may be prevented thereby.

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7-3-8 MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER OF DOGS, CAT, PET RABBITS, FERRETS AND POTBELLIED PIGS.

- A.. *Unlawful to Harbor.* Subject to the exceptions provided in this Section, it shall be unlawful to harbor within the City of Boulder City any unspayed or unneutered dog, cat, pet rabbit, ferret or potbellied pig five months or older.
- B. *Definition.* For purposes of this Section, "harbor" means legal ownership of, or the providing of regular care or shelter, protection, refuge, nourishment, or medical treatment to the animal. This shall also include the providing of routine nourishment to a stray or feral cat or dog.
- C. *Exceptions.*
1. The spay and neuter requirements set forth in this Section shall not apply if a licensed veterinarian certifies in writing that a specific dog or cat or ferret or pet rabbit or potbellied pig is temporarily or permanently medically unfit to undergo the required spay or neuter procedure

because of a physical condition that would be substantially aggravated by such procedure or would likely cause the animal's death. If temporary, the certificate shall indicate the period of time anticipated that the unsuitability will last. For an exemption to apply beyond that period, a new certificate must be obtained from a veterinarian.

2. The spay and neuter requirement set forth in this Section shall not apply to animals harbored by an animal shelter, rescue organization, or business that keeps animals for sale provided that such organization requires the spaying or neutering of all dogs or cats or ferrets or pet rabbits or potbellied pigs in their custody and control prior to adoption or sale of such animal, unless one or more of the listed exceptions in the Section is applicable.
3. The spay and neuter requirement set forth in this Section shall not apply to any dogs, cats, pet rabbits, ferrets or potbellied pigs harbored by a person/organization/business holding a valid breeder's permit issued in the State of Nevada and is in possession of a valid City of Boulder City business license.
4. The spay and neuter requirement set forth in the Section shall not apply any dog engaging in active service with any federal, state or local law enforcement agency.

D. *Forfeiture.*

1. It shall be unlawful to own or possess any kitten (cat or rabbit) or puppy or piglet or kit (ferret) that has been born to a mother cat or rabbit or dog or potbellied pig or ferret not spayed in violation of this Section, unless adopted from an animal shelter, licensed pet store or breeder or rescue organization. As used in this Section, a "kitten" or "puppy" or "kit" means a cat or rabbit or dog or ferret under the age of five (5) months, as determined by the Animal Control Officer, and "piglet" means a potbellied pig under eight (8) pounds.
 - a. Except after first determining that it is in the best interest of the kitten or puppy or piglet or kit because of violations of this Title, an Animal Control Officer shall not impound a kitten or puppy or piglet or kit without also impounding its mother for a violation of this Section if the kitten or puppy or kit is under eight (8) weeks of age, and under eight pounds for a piglet, and living with its mother or still taking its nourishment by nursing. As used in this Subsection, age and weight shall be estimated by the Animal Control Officer, after requesting documentary proof of age and weight from the person in possession of the animal.

E. *Non-spayed/Unneutered Animals Running At-Large.*

1. If an animal subject to the spay/neuter requirements of this Section is running at large and an Animal Control Officer determines, or has a veterinarian determine, that the animal has not been spayed or neutered in accordance with this Section;
 - a. A citation, may be issued in accordance with this chapter; and/or
 - b. The owner may be required to have the animal spayed or neutered.
 - (1) In such as case, the owner may elect to utilize a veterinarian of their choosing within 30 days of receiving a notice of being in violation and provide to the Boulder City Animal Control Supervisor written proof from said veterinarian that the procedure has been completed.

F. *Release from the City of Boulder City Animal Shelter-Neutering or Spaying.*

1. Before the release of any dog, cat, ferret, pet rabbit, or potbellied pig from the custody of the City of Boulder City Animal Shelter, unless an exception as outlined in this Section applies, the animal will be spayed/neutered before the animal is released.

G. *Penalty for Violations.*

- a. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than the maximum amount authorized by the applicable provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes for criminal misdemeanor fines, or be imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in any penal facility currently authorized by the City Council for confining misdemeanants, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each violation of any provision of this Section shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 1590, 6-27-2017, eff. 7-20-2017; Ord. 1591, exh. A, 6-27-2017, eff. 7-20-2017)

7-3-9. LIVESTOCK, FOWL AND BEES.

- A. *Keeping Of Swine.* No person shall keep any hogs or pigs on any parcel of land within the City, except for Vietnamese, Chinese or Asian miniature potbelly pigs (*Sus scrofa vittatus*) as provided in this section. The Vietnamese, Chinese or Asian miniature potbelly pigs (*Sus scrofa vittatus*), hereinafter referred to as "miniature potbelly pigs", shall be reclassified from the livestock designation to an exotic, nondangerous pet.

The requirements for the keeping of a miniature potbelly pig shall include applying for and being granted a permit to keep and/or harbor a miniature potbelly pig subject to the conditions set forth by this section.

1. The applicant shall pay an initial fee for an approved permit, which will be valid for one year and an annual renewal fee as set by City Council resolution.
2. Applicants shall meet the following requirements before a permit can be issued:
 - a. An on-premises investigation shall be conducted by the animal control officer to determine if the requirements of this section are met. In addition, the premises may be inspected upon each renewal;
 - b. Proof of applicant's ownership of the miniature potbelly pig shall be provided;
 - c. Verification of State requirements of "point of origin", either within the State or without will be provided;
 - d. Detailed breeder and/or seller information to include applicable licenses/permits to sell miniature potbelly pigs and registration papers certifying the pig as a "miniature potbelly pig", as defined in subsection A of this section, will be provided;
 - e. A valid dated and signed health certificate issued through veterinary inspection showing proof of pseudorabies and brucellosis testing; a valid statement of general health shall also be provided;
 - f. Applicant shall be legal owners of the property on which the animal will be housed, or shall have written permission of the legal owner. Property shall be subject to the following limitations:
 - (1) Minimum open fenced area for use by the miniature potbelly pig shall not be less than four hundred (400) square feet.
 - (2) A minimum four foot (4') high solidly constructed fence with secure gate shall be utilized for the open fenced area of the animal.
 - (3) Housing areas for the miniature potbelly pig shall be not less than twenty (20) linear feet from applicant's property line at any point and shall provide shelter, food and water facilities.
 - g. Only one miniature potbelly pig shall be allowed per residence;

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- h. The female animal must be spayed and a male animal must be neutered within not less than six (6) months of age nor more than nine (9) months of age;
 - i. The miniature potbelly pig must remain under one hundred twenty (120) pounds and under twenty four inches (24") in height, measured at the shoulders;
 - j. Applicant shall provide to animal control the following: owner's name, home phone number, work phone number, name of local veterinarian with address and phone number; the registered name of the pig. This information shall remain on file with animal control and shall be updated within five (5) working days of any changes;
 - k. Applicant shall keep all gates accessing the containment area securely locked, latched and/or padlocked;
 - l. Applicant shall provide adequate shelter, fresh food and water during all times the miniature potbelly pig is housed in an outside area;
 - m. Applicant shall provide adequate sanitation of the premises, to eliminate any noxious odors to abutting property, through daily removal of feces and washing with water any neighboring property, fences, walls or buildings urinated on by the animal.
- 3. If applicant fails to meet any of the requirements and conditions as set forth in this section or other violations of the City animal control ordinances, they may be cited in accordance with section 7-3-13 of this chapter, and the permit to keep said animal may be revoked.
 - 4. Miniature potbelly pigs shall be subject to rabies prevention regulations as set forth by the State Rabies Control Authority. Such regulations shall be provided to applicant and compliance will be confirmed by the animal control officer. Miniature potbelly pigs shall be subject to those regulations as set forth in subsection 7-3-9[7A] of this chapter, when conditions warrant.
- B. *Restraining Animals.* Every person who is the owner or has the care, custody or control of any horses, colts, burros, ponies or other equine animals, or steers, goats, sheep, cows, calves or any animals of a general like character, or poultry, or rabbits or any other rodent, or any wild animal, shall keep the same upon the premises under the control of such person, restrained by a fence, cage, coop, chain, leash or other adequate means so that said animal cannot leave the premises upon which it shall be kept, except when under the direct and immediate supervision of such person.
- (Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)
- C. *Keeping Of Bees.* Bees may be kept on large residential or agricultural zoned parcels provided the owner shall meet the following requirements:
- 1. Approval by appropriate State agencies shall be obtained;
 - 2. The parcel on which the bees are kept shall be at least one acre in size;
 - 3. The number of colonies or nuclei shall not exceed one per acre;
 - 4. Adequate freshwater supply shall be available for bees on the subject property at all times;
 - 5. The location of the beehives shall be not less than two hundred feet (200') from any public road, street or highway, residence or other occupied building other than that of the property owner or occupant of said property;
 - 6. Hives shall be removed from the parcel when no longer occupied by a colony.
- D. *Keeping Of Livestock, Fowl And Bees.* It is unlawful for any person to keep, cause to be kept, or permit to be kept any livestock, fowl, bees or other animals on-premises over which any such person may have control within the City, except as authorized herein or by title 11 of this Code.

(Ord. 1118 , 6-27-2000, eff. 7-19-2000)

7-3-10. IMPOUNDING STRAYS.

- A. *Impounding Of Stray Animals.* Any stray animal, running at large or which is not restrained as herein provided, and any wild animal not kept as pursuant to permit, may be impounded by the animal control officer and kept at the City pound for a period of not less than five (5) days, exclusive of the day of impoundment, within which time if the ownership of the animal is proven and the owner calls for it, he shall be able to remove such animal upon the payment of a fee as the cost of impounding, and in addition thereto, a fee for the keeping of said animal.
- B. *Disposal Of Stray Animals.* If the ownership of the stray animal is not proven within such five (5) day period, then such animal, whether domestic or wild, shall be destroyed in a humane manner under the direction of the Animal Control Officer, except as provided in this subsection. If any impounded wild animal is of a species protected by Federal or State laws, the Animal Control Officer shall notify the closest office of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the Nevada State Wildlife Department to arrange for the disposal of such protected wild animal. At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, any unclaimed nonprotected stray animal which would otherwise be destroyed as authorized herein may be offered for adoption to any noncommercial zoo or zoological park, or to any animal welfare oriented group or organization referred to in subsection 7-3-~~7E~~[3G5] of this Chapter, or to any person nominated by such group or organization. Dogs and cats are specifically excepted from the provisions of this Section, and the provisions of Section 7-3-3 of this Chapter shall be applicable as to the impounding of dogs and cats.
- C. *Sick Or Injured Animals.* Any sick or injured animal impounded may be destroyed in a humane manner at any time after impoundment if, in the professional judgment and with the certification of a veterinarian, inhumane suffering may be prevented thereby.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-11. WILD ANIMALS.

- A. *Keeping And/or Exhibiting Wild Animals.* It is the policy of the City to discourage the keeping and/or exhibiting of wild animals. No wild animal shall be exhibited in public or kept as herein provided until the owner or person having the care, custody or control thereof shall have obtained from the Animal Control Officer a permit to do so. The Chief of Police shall not issue a permit for the keeping or exhibiting of a wild animal until he shall have caused an investigation to be made to ascertain what precautions shall be reasonably necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare, of both human and animal.
- B. *Permit To Keep Or Exhibit Wild Animals.* The Animal Control Officer shall require, as a condition precedent to issuing any permit to keep and/or exhibit a wild animal, that the applicant for such permit has taken reasonable precautions to protect the welfare of such wild animal and to protect the public health, welfare and safety. Each such wild animal must bear distinctive identification marks such as a tattoo, nonremovable identification tag, or unique markings, and the Animal Control Officer shall keep a record of all the permits, the marks of identification, the location of each such wild animal, and the name, address and local telephone number of the owner thereof.
- C. *Destruction Of Dangerous Or Wild Animals.* Nothing herein shall require that the Animal Control Officer impound any dangerous beast or wild animal or prevent the destruction thereof in order to protect the public health, safety or general welfare, subject to the applicable State and Federal laws pertaining to protected species.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-12. RABIES PREVENTION.

- A. *Suspicion Of Rabies.* Upon the receipt by the Animal Control Officer of any animal, if said Animal Control Officer shall have reason to believe that the same is afflicted with rabies or has been bitten by any animal afflicted or suspected of being afflicted with rabies, or has been exposed to the infection of rabies, the Animal Control Officer shall separately confine and keep so confined such animal and shall immediately notify the health officer thereof. The health officer shall thereupon make such examination of such animal as the health officer may deem necessary. If, upon such examination, the health officer shall determine that such animal is afflicted with rabies, he shall so notify the Animal Control Officer and the Animal Control Officer shall kill such animal at such time and in the manner directed by said health officer. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to keep every such animal suspected of having rabies so confined for such time as the health officer may direct, and such animal shall not be redeemed or released except upon an order signed by the health officer. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as permitting the redemption of any animal suspected of having or having been infected with rabies.
- B. *Impounding Or Destroying Rabid Animals.* It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to impound or destroy any animal found in or upon any public street, alley or other public place, or in or upon any lot or premises, known to have rabies or known to have been bitten by any animal having rabies.
- C. *Responsibility Of Owner.* Whenever the owner or the person having the custody or possession of an animal shall observe or learn that such animal shows symptoms of rabies, or acts in a manner which would lead to a reasonable suspicion that it may have rabies, he shall immediately notify the health officer or the Animal Control Officer to make an inspection or examination of such animal until it shall be established to the satisfaction of said official that such animal has or has not rabies. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat or other animal that has bitten any person or animal or that has been exposed to another animal that is believed to have rabies to destroy such animal before it can be properly confined by the Animal Control Officer.
- D. *Bitten Animals.* Whenever any animal shall be bitten by another animal suspected of having rabies, the owner or person having the custody or possession of the animal so bitten shall immediately notify the Animal Control Officer, and thereupon, in the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, such animal so bitten may be quarantined for a period to be determined by the health officer.
- E. *Bitten Persons.* Whenever a person has been bitten by an animal suspected of having rabies, the Animal Control Officer shall have the authority to immediately impound said animal for a quarantine period to be determined by the health officer.
- F. *Powers Of Entry.* The health officer and the Animal Control Officer are hereby empowered to enter upon any private property for the purpose of ascertaining whether any animal kept or harbored therein is afflicted with rabies.
- G. *Impounding For Observation.* If it shall appear to the health officer or Animal Control Officer that an animal has rabies, he shall forthwith impound for observation such animal until released by such health officer.
- H. *Notification Of Human Contact.* When an animal under quarantine has been diagnosed as being rabid by a licensed veterinarian, the veterinarian making such diagnosis shall immediately notify the health officer or Animal Control Officer and advise him of any reports of human contact with said rabid animal. If any animal under quarantine dies while under observation, the Animal Control Officer shall immediately take action to obtain a pathological and inoculation examination of the animal. As soon as a diagnosis is made available, the Animal Control Officer shall notify the health officer of any reports of human contact with the animal.
- I. *Report Of Treatment.* Every physician or other health-care practitioner who treats a person or persons for bites inflicted by animals shall report such treatment to the Animal Control Officer, giving the names and addresses of such persons.

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- J. *Veterinarian Report.* Any veterinarian who diagnoses rabies in any animal in the City shall report such fact to the Animal Control Officer. The owner of any animal shall inform the veterinarian, before any rabies inoculation is given, whether or not the subject animal is under quarantine or has inflicted a bite on any person or animal within the last ten (10) days.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-13. NUISANCES.

- A. *Noise.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or own any animal, which by loud or frequent habitual barking, yelping, braying or other noise causes annoyance to the neighborhood or to any persons in the vicinity.
- B. *Excrement.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having custody of any animal to permit, either wilfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such animal to void excrement on, in or upon any sidewalk, any public street or any public park; or upon any real property under the control of or in the possession of any other person; or upon the floor of any common hall in any apartment house, tenement house, hotel or other multiple dwelling; or upon any entrance way, stairway or wall immediately abutting on a public sidewalk; or upon the floor of any theater, shop, store, office building or other building used in common by the public; or upon the floor or stairway of any depot or station or public waiting room; or upon any floor, stairway, entrance way, office, lobby, foyer or patio used in common by the public; provided, however, that no citation for violation of this subsection shall be issued if the owner or custodian of such animal promptly and voluntarily removes and properly disposes of such excrement.
- C. *Unsanitary Conditions.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or permit on any premises in the City owned, occupied or controlled by such person, any chicken coop, rabbit hutch, corral, yard, kennel, stable, cow shed, horse shed or horse picket line in a foul, offensive, noxious or filthy condition.
- D. *Picketing.* It shall be unlawful for any person to picket any cow, horse or other animal upon any public or private property without the permission of the owner of such property.
- E. *Discarding Animals.* No person shall discard, dump or otherwise abandon any animal, whether alive or dead, onto the surface of any public or private property not owned by the owner of such animal. Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter, all animals which die shall be disposed of within twenty four (24) hours from the time of death. If the Animal Control Officer is requested to dispose of any dead animal, the owner or keeper of such animal shall be charged a fee for such disposal.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-14. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

- A. *Fighting.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or use, or be in any manner connected with or interested in the management of, or receive money or other things of value for the admission of any person to, a house, apartment, pit or place for the baiting and fighting of animals, and it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of a house, apartment, pit or place to wilfully procure or permit the same to be used or occupied for such baiting or fighting, or to instigate, promote, arrange or carry on, or to do any act as assistant, umpire, principal, spectator or otherwise, in aid of or calculated to encourage or further any fight between animals.
- B. *Cruelty.* It shall be unlawful for any person to overdrive, overload, torture or cruelly beat, or unjustifiably injure, maim, mutilate or kill any animal, whether belonging to himself or to another, or deprive any animal under his control of shelter from the elements (which shelter must be of adequate size to allow the animal to stand erect with reasonable room for bodily movement and excretory functions, must have adequate

ventilation, must be heated or cooled if necessary to maintain reasonable temperatures for the species of such animal, must provide a shaded area for such animal for refuge from direct rays of the sun, and must be kept reasonably clean and free from offensive odors, animal wastes, and other unwholesome or unsanitary conditions), or deprive such animal of necessary wholesome food and potable water, or to wilfully instigate, engage in, or in any way further an act of cruelty to any animal or any act tending to produce such cruelty. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive a horse while such person is under the influence of any intoxicant or any controlled substance. It shall be unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade, barter or otherwise obtain or dispose of any dog or cat, whether alive or dead, or to kill such animal, with the intent or reasonable expectation that such dog or cat will be used as a source of food for any human being or for any other animal. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit or interfere with the Animal Control Officer or the health officer in the exercise and performance of their powers and duties.

- C. *Abandoning Injured Animals.* It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing or having the care, custody and control of a maimed, disabled or infirm animal, to abandon the same, or leave it to die in a public street, road, alley or other public place, or upon the private property of another person.
- D. *Poisoning.* It shall be unlawful for any person to unjustifiably administer any poisonous drug or substance to any animal or unjustifiably expose any such drug or substance with the intent that the same shall be taken by an animal, whether such animal be the property of himself or another; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent or restrict the Animal Control Officer and health officer in the exercise and performance of their powers and duties.
- E. *Endangering.* It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully throw, drop or place, or cause to be thrown, dropped or placed upon any road, highway, street, alley or public place, or upon the private property of another, any glass, nail, piece of metal or other substance or device which might wound, disable or injure any animal, or to drop, place or throw or cause to be dropped, placed or thrown any substance or device upon his own property with intent to wound, disable or injure any animal.
- F. *Transporting.* It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or enclose, or cause to be carried or enclosed, in or upon any vehicle, device or otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner, or so as to produce torture. For the purpose of this subsection, carrying an animal in a vehicle in such a way as to allow such animal to slide about, or to be thrown from such vehicle, due to inertia, momentum or centrifugal force, constitutes carrying in a cruel or inhumane manner. No person having control of a vehicle shall place or confine an animal or allow an animal to remain in such vehicle under such conditions or for such periods of time as may endanger the health or well-being of such animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate air, food or drink, or such other circumstances as may reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability or death.
- G. *Binding.* It shall be unlawful for any person to lock or tie the wings of any live chicken, turkey, goose, duck or other domestic fowl for the purpose of weighing or handling or cause the same to be done.
- H. *Overcrowding.* It shall be unlawful for any person to overcrowd in any crate, box or other receptacle, rabbits, domestic fowl or poultry, or fail to provide food, water, shelter or sanitation for the same.
- I. *Selling Or Giving Away Certain Animals.* It shall be unlawful for any person to give away or to sell or offer for sale or barter baby chicks, rabbits, ducklings or other fowls as pets or novelties, whether or not dyed, colored or otherwise artificially treated. This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the display or sale of natural chicks, rabbits, ducklings or other fowl, in proper brooder facilities by hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling the same to be raised for commercial purposes.
- J. *Reporting Killed Or Injured Animals.* Every operator of any vehicle on the roads or streets of the City who shall strike any animal causing injury or death to such animal shall stop and give such aid to such animal as he is reasonably able to render. In the absence of the owner of such animal at the scene, it is the duty of such operator to notify such owner if such owner's identity can be determined, and to take such animal if injured to the nearest available veterinarian or animal hospital. Whether or not such owner can be notified, such operator must notify the Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the City, reporting the circumstances

of the striking of such animal. Any animal injured by a vehicle while not in the presence of its owner and not wearing identification shall be considered to be an animal at large.

- K. *Reporting Lost Or Abandoned Animals.* Each person who shall take custody of any lost or abandoned animal shall report the same to the Animal Control Officer within two (2) hours after taking custody of said animal.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-15. FEES.

All license fees, impoundment fees, boarding fees and penalties required by this Chapter shall be set, and revised from time to time, by resolution of the City Council. License fees need not be uniform, and may be set by the City Council at different amounts for various classifications of animals, such as species, sex, neutering, breed, etc. All monies collected in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid into the City Treasury for the General Fund, and all expenses incurred in carrying out or enforcing the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid out of the General Fund.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-16. ENFORCEMENT.

- A. *Duties Of Officers.* It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer, the health officer, and every police officer on duty in the City to enforce the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to animal control regulations.
- B. *Resisting Authorized Personnel Unlawful.* No person shall interfere with or oppose or resist any police officer of the City, or the Animal Control Officer, or the health officer, while engaged in the performance of the duties pertaining to the enforcement of this Chapter.
- C. *Search And Seizure Of Animals.*
1. *Public Property.* The Animal Control Officer, the health officer and any police officer of the City shall have the right to enter upon any public property in the City in order to examine or capture any animal thereon.
 2. *Private Property.* If the Animal Control Officer, health officer, or any police officer has probable cause to believe that there exists a violation of this Chapter on private property, said officer shall employ reasonable means to contact a person having authority at such location concerning the alleged violation. If no contact can be made after reasonable effort, said officer may enter upon the property to examine or capture any animal thereon or thereat; provided, said officer shall not enter a house used as a residence without first obtaining a search warrant from a magistrate having jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-17. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S RECORDS.

The Animal Control Officer shall keep a record of the number, description and disposition of all animals impounded, showing in detail in the case of each animal, the date of receipt, the date and manner of disposal, the manner and time of advertising for sale, the name of the person reclaiming, redeeming or purchasing, the reason for destruction, and the charges and proceeds of sale received on account thereof. Such records shall be subject to audit by duly authorized City officials or their agents.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)

7-3-18. VIOLATIONS, CITATIONS AND PENALTIES.

- A. *Forms And Records Of Citations.* The Chief of Police shall provide books of citation forms for violation of the provisions of this Chapter for notifying alleged violators to appear and answer to the violation charged in the Municipal Court. The books shall include serially-numbered sets of citations in triplicate in the form prescribed and approved by the City Attorney. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the issuance of the books of citation forms to the Animal Control Officer or any other person authorized to enforce the provisions of this Chapter, and shall maintain a record of every book so issued and shall require a receipt for each book.
- B. *Penalties For Violations.* Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than the maximum amount authorized by the applicable provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes for criminal misdemeanor fines, or be imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in any penal facility currently authorized by the City Council for confining misdemeanants, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 1003, 4-8-1997, eff. 4-30-1997)