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Article I. Registration**6.08.010 Mandatory registration.**

It is unlawful for any person to own a dog in the town without such dog being registered as hereafter provided. (Prior code § 2-101)

6.08.020 Information required-License-Fees.

All dogs kept in the town shall be registered as to sex, breed, and name and address of the owner. At the time of such registration such owner shall obtain a license for such dog and shall pay a fee, and which fee shall be set by the governing body of the town, and made payable to the clerk of the town. The governing body may set different fees for dogs of different sexes, or neutered dogs, or such dogs as may be spayed. (Prior code § 2-102)

6.08.030 Rabies vaccination certificate prerequisite to issuance of license.

As a part of the application for a dog license, the person making such application must, before a license shall be issued, exhibit to the town clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian that the dog for which the license is to be issued has been vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine immunizing the said dog against rabies for a period equal in time to, or in excess of , the term of the license applied for. (Prior code § 2-103)

6.08.040 Issuance of license tag to be worn by dog at all times.

Upon payment of the fee provided for in Section 6.08.020 of this chapter, the town clerk shall issue to the owner a tag with an identifying number and the year of issuance and so designed that it may conveniently be fastened to a dog collar or harness. Such tag shall be fastened to the dog's collar or harness and shall be worn at all times. (Prior code § 2-104)

Article II. Nuisances

6.08.050 Duty of owners to prevent dogs from becoming nuisances.

It is unlawful for any owner to fail to exercise proper care and control of his or her dogs to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous or untimely barking, molesting passers-by, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds, or trespassing upon private property in such a manner as to damage property, shall be deemed a nuisance. (Prior code § 2-105)

Article III. Impoundment

6.08.060 Duty of chief of police to impound-Impoundment period-Duty to destroy unclaimed dogs.

Unrestrained dogs or dogs at large shall be taken by the chief of police and impounded in a pound or pen provided for that purpose, and there confined in a humane manner. Impounded dogs shall be cared for at the owners' expense for

not less than two days unless reclaimed by their owners. If by license tag or other means the owner can be identified, the chief of police shall immediately upon impoundment notify the owner by telephone or mail of the impoundment of the dog. Dogs not claimed by their owners within three days shall be humanely disposed of by the chief of police or by such persons as may be delegated by him to exercise that authority. (Prior code § 2-110)

Article IV. Vicious Dogs

6.08.070 Running at large prohibited.

Any vicious dog must be kept on a leash, if such dog is at large upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks, public grounds or private property, other than property owned or occupied by the owner of the dog or property where permission for the presence of the dog has been obtained. It is unlawful for any person or owner to allow any vicious dog to chase or injure any person, pet, domestic livestock, animal or wild game animal. It is lawful for any police officer of the town to immediately destroy any dog at large chasing or injuring any person, pet, domestic livestock, animal or wild game animal if the chase or injury occurs in the officer's presence. Any person found guilty of violating this subsection shall be fined in accordance with the adopted fine schedule, and in addition thereto, if the dog is still living, the court may order any police officer to forthwith cause the animal to be killed or otherwise disposed. (Prior code § 2-106. *amended July 13, 2023*)

6.08.080 Defined.

The term “vicious dog” is defined to be any dog which attacks or rushes, bites, snaps, growls or snarls at or otherwise menaces persons, other animals, or vehicles in any public or private place outside of the premises of its owner or keeper, or shows a disposition to do any of the foregoing, without provocation or excuse. (Prior code § 2-107)

6.08.090 Knowledge by owner unnecessary for conviction.

It shall not be necessary to show knowledge of the character of such dog on the part of the owner or keeper of a vicious dog in order to convict such owner or keeper of a violation of Section 6.08.070 of this chapter, or to impound or destroy such dog. (Prior code § 2-108)

6.08.100

6.08.100 Presumption of knowledge by owner- Duty to post signs.

In the case of any unprovoked attack made by any animal upon the person or property outside the premises of the owner of the animal, or within the premises of the owner, if the person attacked is authorized to enter there, as for the purpose of delivering merchandise ordered by such owner to be delivered, or of reading any meter placed upon the premises for the purpose of measuring merchandise already consumed by such owner, the owner shall be presumed to have knowledge of the animal’s vicious nature, and shall be required to post a sign indicating that the dog may be vicious. (Prior code. § 2-109)