

## Chapter 1

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# Licensing of Dogs and Regulation of Animals

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### **Sec. 7-1-1 Dog/Cat License Required; Definitions.**

- (a) **License Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person in the City of Horicon to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat for more than five (5) months of age after July 1 of the license year without complying with the provisions of this Chapter relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.

- (b) **Definitions.** In this Chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise require:
- (1) **Owner.** Any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog or cat and the occupant of any premises on which a dog or cat remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten (10) days; such person is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog or cat within the meaning of this Section.
  - (2) **At Large.** To be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash, but a dog or cat within an automobile of its owner, or in an automobile of any other person with the consent of the owner of said dog or cat, shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.
  - (3) **Dog.** Any canine, regardless of age or sex.
  - (4) **Cat.** Any feline, regardless of age or sex.
  - (5) **Neutered.** A dog or cat having nonfunctional reproductive organs.
  - (6) **Animal.** Mammals, reptiles and birds.
  - (7) **Cruel.** Causing unnecessary and excessive pain or suffering or unjustifiable injury or death.
  - (8) **Law Enforcement Officer.** Has that meaning as appears in Sec. 967.02(5), Wis. Stats., and includes a humane officer under Sec. 58.07, Wis. Stats., but does not include a conservation warden appointed under Sec. 23.10, Wis. Stats.
  - (9) **Farm Animal.** Any warm-blooded animal normally raised on farms in the United States and used for food or fiber.
  - (10) **Pet.** An animal kept and treated as a pet.

*State Law Reference:* Secs. 174.05 through 174.10, Wis. Stats.

## **Sec. 7-1-2 Rabies Vaccination Required for License.**

- (a) **Rabies Vaccination.** The owner of a dog or cat shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days after the dog or cat reaches four (4) months of age and revaccinated within one (1) year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains such animal or brings such animal into the City of Horicon after the dog or cat has reached four (4) months of age, the owner shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies within thirty (30) days after the dog or cat is brought into the City unless such animal has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination. The owner of a dog or cat shall have such animal revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date of that immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within two (2) years after the previous vaccination. The certificate of vaccination shall meet the requirements of Sec. 95.21(2), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Issuance of Certificate of Rabies Vaccination.** A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat against rabies shall complete and issue to the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination bearing a serial number and in the form approved by the City stating the owner's name and

address, the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed and color of the dog or cat, the date of the vaccination, the type of rabies vaccination administered and the manufacturer's serial number, the date that the immunization expires as specified for that type of vaccine by the Center for Disease Control of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Horicon.

- (c) **Copies of Certificate.** The veterinarian shall keep a copy of each certificate of rabies vaccination in a file maintained for this purpose until the date that the immunization expires or until the dog or cat is revaccinated, whichever occurs first.
- (d) **Rabies Vaccination Tag.** After issuing the certificate of rabies vaccination, the veterinarian shall deliver to the owner a rabies vaccination tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the certificate, the year the vaccination was given and the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- (e) **Tag to be Attached.** The owner shall attach the rabies vaccination tag or a substitute tag to a collar and a collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog or cat at all times, but this requirement does not apply to a dog or cat during competition. The substitute tag shall be of a durable material and contain the same information as the rabies vaccination tag. The requirements of this paragraph do not apply to a dog or cat which is not required to be vaccinated under Subsection (a).
- (f) **Duplicate Tag.** The veterinarian may furnish a new rabies vaccination tag with a new serial number to an owner in place of the original tag upon presentation of the certificate of rabies vaccination. The veterinarian shall then indicate the new tag number on the certificate and keep a record in the file.
- (g) **Cost.** The owner shall pay the cost of the rabies vaccination and the cost associated with the issuance of a certificate of rabies vaccination and the delivery of a rabies vaccination tag.

### **Sec. 7-1-3 Issuance of Dog/Cat and Kennel Licenses.**

- (a) **Dog/Cat Licenses.**
  - (1) It shall be unlawful for any person in the City of Horicon to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat more than five (5) months of age without complying with the provisions of Sec. 174.05 through Sec. 174.10, Wis. Stats., relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.
  - (2) The owner of any dog or cat more than five (5) months of age on January 1 of any year, or five (5) months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog or cat becomes five (5) months of age, pay a license tax and obtain a license.
  - (3) The minimum license tax under this Section shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for spayed females or neutered males. The minimum fee for unspayed or unneutered animals shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). These amounts shall be reduced by one-half (1/2)

if the animal became five (5) months of age after July 1 during the license year. The license year shall commence January 1 and end December 31. The City may retain all cat license fees collected.

- (4) Upon payment of the required license tax and upon presentation of evidence that the dog or cat is currently immunized against rabies, as required by Section 7-1-2 of this Chapter, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for such dog or cat containing all information required by state law. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall also deliver to the owner, at the time of issuance of the license, a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license, the name of the county in which issued and the license year.
- (5) The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog or cat for which the license is issued at all times, except as provided in Section 7-1-2(e).
- (6) The fact that a dog or cat is without a tag attached to the dog or cat by means of a collar shall be presumptive evidence that the dog or cat is unlicensed. Any City law enforcement or humane officer shall seize, impound or restrain any dog or cat for which a dog license or cat license is required which is found without such tag attached.
- (7) Notwithstanding the foregoing, every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons is exempt from the dog license tax, and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the City Clerk-Treasurer upon application therefor.

(b) **Kennel Licenses.**

- (1) Any person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of paying the license tax for each dog required by this Chapter, apply for a kennel license for the keeping or operating of the kennel. The term "kennel" shall include the boarding or keeping of more than three (3) dogs for commercial purposes. Such person shall pay for the license year a license tax of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for a kennel of twelve (12) or fewer dogs and an additional Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each dog in excess of twelve (12). Upon payment of the required kennel license tax and, if required by the Common Council, upon presentation of evidence that all dogs over five (5) months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall issue the kennel license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept in the kennel. Kennels may only be located in residential areas after a conditional use permit has been issued pursuant to the City Zoning Code.
- (2) The owner or keeper of a kennel shall keep at all times a kennel license tag attached to the collar of each dog over five (5) months old kept by the owner or keeper under a kennel license but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition. These tags may be transferred from one dog to another within the kennel whenever any dog is removed from the kennel. The rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag shall remain attached to the dog for which it is issued at all times but

this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition. No dog bearing a kennel tag shall be permitted to stray or to be taken anywhere outside the limits of the kennel unless the dog is in leash or temporarily for the purposes of hunting, breeding, trial, training or competition.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 174.053, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-1-4 Late Fees.**

The City Clerk-Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from every owner of a dog or cat five (5) months of age or over if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or cat or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog or cat reached licensable age. Said late fee shall be charged in addition to the required license fee.

### **Sec. 7-1-5 Rabies Quarantine.**

- (a) **Dogs and Cats Confined.** If a district is quarantined for rabies, all dogs and cats within the City of Horicon shall be kept securely confined, tied, leashed or muzzled. Any dog or cat not confined, tied, leashed or muzzled is declared a public nuisance and may be impounded. All officers shall cooperate in the enforcement of the quarantine. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall promptly post in at least three (3) public places in the City of Horicon notices of quarantine.
- (b) **Exemption of Vaccinated Dog or Cat from City Quarantine.** A dog or cat which is immunized currently against rabies, as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence, is exempt from the City of Horicon quarantine provisions of Subsection (a) if a rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag is attached to the dog's or cat's collar.
- (c) **Quarantine or Sacrifice of an Animal Suspected of Biting a Person or Being Infected or Exposed to Rabies.**
  - (1) **Quarantine or sacrifice of dog or cat.** An officer shall order a dog or cat quarantined if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person, is infected with rabies or has been in contact with a rabid animal. If a quarantine cannot be imposed because the dog or cat cannot be captured, the officer may kill the animal only as a last resort. The officer shall attempt to kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head.
  - (2) **Sacrifice of other animals.** An officer may order killed or may kill an animal other than a dog or cat if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person or is infected with rabies.
- (d) **Quarantine of Dog or Cat.**
  - (1) **Delivery to isolation facility or quarantine on premises of owner.** An officer who orders a dog or cat to be quarantined shall deliver the animal or shall order the animal

- delivered to an isolation facility as soon as possible but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the original order is issued or the officer may order the animal to be quarantined on the premises of the owner if the animal is immunized currently against rabies as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence.
- (2) **Health risk to humans.** If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal bit a person, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal under strict isolation under the supervision of a veterinarian for at least ten (10) days after the incident occurred. In this paragraph, "supervision of a veterinarian" includes, at a minimum, examination of the animal on the first day of isolation, on the last day of isolation and on one (1) intervening day. If the observation period is not extended and if the veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat has not exhibited any signs of rabies, the animal may be released from quarantine at the end of the observation period.
- (3) **Risk to animal health.**
- a. If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal has been exposed to a rabid animal and if the dog or cat is not currently immunized against rabies, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal leashed or confined for one hundred eighty (180) days. The owner shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies between one hundred fifty-five (155) and one hundred sixty-five (165) days after the exposure to a rabid animal.
- b. If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal has been exposed to a rabid animal but if the dog or cat is immunized against rabies, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal leashed or confined for sixty (60) days. The owner shall have the animal revaccinated against rabies as soon as possible after exposure to a rabid animal.
- (4) **Sacrifice of a dog or cat exhibiting symptoms of rabies.** If a veterinarian determines that a dog or cat exhibits symptoms of rabies during the original or extended observation period, the veterinarian shall notify the owner and the officer who ordered the animal quarantined and the officer or veterinarian shall kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head. If the dog or cat is suspected to have bitten a person, the veterinarian shall notify the person or the person's physician.
- (e) **Delivery of Carcass; Preparation; Examination by Laboratory of Hygiene.** An officer who kills an animal shall deliver the carcass to a veterinarian or local health department. The veterinarian or local health department shall properly prepare and package the head of the animal in a manner to minimize deterioration, arrange for delivery by the most expeditious means feasible of the head of the animal to the State Laboratory of Hygiene and dispose of or arrange for the disposal of the remainder of the carcass in a manner which minimizes the risk or exposure to any rabies virus. The Laboratory of Hygiene shall examine the specimen and determine if the animal was infected with rabies.