

CHAPTER 56

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56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED. Any person owning or harboring a dog or cat or either sex over six months of age shall procure a license therefore from the City Clerk between January 1 and March 31 of each year, or within thirty days of the date any dog or cat is acquired or brought into the City.

56.02 LICENSE FEES. The annual license fee for each dog or cat subject to licensing under the provisions of this chapter is five (\$5.00) per year, and such fee shall be paid on or before March 31 of each year or within thirty days after acquisition of such dog or cat.

56.03 LICENSE TAGS. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Clerk shall deliver or mail to the owner a license which shall be in the form of a metal tag stamped with the serial number of the license as shown on the record book of the Clerk, the year in which it is issued, and the name of the City. The license tag shall be securely fastened by the owner to a collar or harness which shall be worn at all times by the dog for which issued. A license issued for one dog shall not be transferable to another dog. Upon the expiration of the license the owner shall remove said tag from the dog.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.6, 351.7, 351.8 and 351.13)

56.04 LICENSE RECORDS. The Clerk shall keep a book to be known as the record of licenses which shall show:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.11 and 351.22)

1. The serial number and date of each application for a license.
2. The description of the dog or cat as specified in the application, together with the name of the owner of the dog or cat.
3. The date when each license tag is issued and the serial number of each tag, the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered, and the date the dog or cat shall be revaccinated.

4. The amount of all fees paid.
5. Such other data as may be required by law.

56.05 IMMUNIZATION. Before a license is issued, the owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies, and that the vaccination does not expire within six months from the effective date of the dog or cat license. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall at all times be attached to the collar of the dog or cat.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.34, 351.35)

A. Vaccinations Required

1. Dogs. Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies
2. Cats. It is unlawful for any owner to keep a cat in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies and distemper.
3. Certificate Required. The Clerk shall not issue a dog or cat license unless a certificate is filed showing that the dog or cat to be licensed is vaccinated.
4. Owner Liability. All vaccinations required under the provisions of this chapter shall be conducted by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the owner of said animal.

56.06 DUPLICATE TAGS. Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag and the Clerk shall enter in the license record the new number assigned.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.14)

56.07 KENNEL DOGS. Dogs kept in state or federally licensed kennels, which are kept or raised solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint, are not subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.1)

1. No license shall be required for kennel dogs. All kennel dogs over six months of age shall have a rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian not less than once every two years if the

vaccination is by modified live virus vaccine of egg embryo origin, or one year if by killed tissue vaccine.

2. The owner of any kennel within the City shall be required to register said owner's name and business address with the Clerk, and shall comply with this Code of Ordinances and other regulations.
3. Commercially built kennels where permitted cannot be located closer than 200 feet to the boundary of the nearest adjacent residential lot.
4. A kennel, for the purpose of this section, means the business of keeping or raising four or more kennel dogs, which are kept under constant restraint, solely for the bona fide purpose of sale.