

**Title 8**

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**Chapter 8.04**

**FOWL AT LARGE**

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It is unlawful for any person owning or having in their possession any chickens, ducks, geese or turkeys to allow them to run at large within the city. (Ord. 22 § 1, 1912)

**Chapter 8.08**

**DOGS**

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**8.08.010 License – Required.**

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog, male or female, in the city without paying the license fee, obtaining the license from the city clerk and keeping the license attached to the dog. (Ord. 221 § 1, 1957)

**8.08.020 License – Tag – Fee.**

(1) Dog licenses shall be required of all dogs housed within the city. Said license shall be a one-time license which is specific to that animal and that owner. Change in ownership of the animal shall require that a new license be purchased. No license shall be issued by the city without proof of a current rabies vaccination. The license fees to be charged by the city are as follows:

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| Fertile animal                                 | \$25.00 |
| Spayed/neutered animal with proof of procedure | 15.00   |
| Optional pet license                           | 10.00   |
| Lost/replacement tag                           | 10.00   |

(2) That the fees outlined in subsection (1) of this section shall be due and a license must be obtained on or before the first day of March, 1995, or within 30 days after acquiring the dog, or within 30 days after moving into the city with the dog. (Ord. 1152 § 1, 1994; Ord. 776 § 1, 1981; Ord. 561 § 4, 1975; Ord. 221 § 2, 1957)

**8.08.030 License – Record kept by clerk.**

The city clerk shall keep a record of all dog licenses showing the number of each license, the name and address of the applicant or owner, the sex and general description of each dog so licensed. (Ord. 221 § 3, 1957)

**8.08.040 Impoundment – Required when.**

(1) Running at Large. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation being the owner or custodian of any dog to permit any such dog to run loose or to be at large upon any public street, highway or public place or upon private property owned by a person or persons other than the owner or custodian of the dog, within the corporate limits of the city.

(2) Exceptions. All dogs found upon any public streets, highways or public places in the city shall be deemed to be running loose or to be at large within the meaning of this chapter, except such dogs as may be under control by means of chain or leash or may be in or upon any vehicle and while therein or thereon shall be deemed to be under the personal control of the owner or custodian thereof. Dogs in designated off-leash areas must be accompanied by the owner or custodian, be under the owner's or custodian's control, not cause a public nuisance or a safety hazard, including the harassment of people, other dogs, or wildlife.

(3) Impounding. Any person employed by the city as dog catcher or any city police officer is authorized to impound any dog found running loose or at large as defined in this chapter and also any dog which has bitten any person; and further, shall have the authority to issue notice and citation to appear for any violations of this chapter. The notice and citation shall contain substantially the same information as the uniform traffic ticket and complaint and shall include:

(a) The name of the court and a space for the court's docket, case or file number;

(b) The name of the person, his address, date of birth and sex;

(c) The date, time, place and description of the offense charged, the date on which the citation was issued and the name of the citing officer;

(d) The time and place at which the person is to appear in court, which need not be a time certain, but may be within 72 hours or within a greater period of time not to exceed 15 days after the date of the citation;

(e) A place for the person to sign a promise to appear.

To secure his release, the person must give his written promise to appear in court as required by the citation and notice served. (Ord. 1668 § 1 (Exh. A), 2010; Ord. 544 § 1, 1975; Ord. 407 § 1, 1969; Ord. 310 §§ 1, 2, 1964; Ord. 221 § 4, 1957)

**8.08.050 Nuisances declared – Pack defined.**

The following specific acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are declared to be nuisances, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(1) Any three or more dogs running at large in a pack upon any public street, highway or public place, or upon private property owned by person or persons other than the owner of or custodian of such dogs, within the corporate limits of the city. "Pack," as used herein, means three or more dogs congregating, flocking or grouping together;

(2) The keeping or harboring of any dog, or dogs, which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping or barking annoy or disturb the comfort or repose of any person or persons in the vicinity;

(3) The keeping of rabbits, chickens, goats, cats, pigs, bees, mules, horses, mink, dogs, muskrats or any other animals within the city limits of the city of Washougal that are of such a nature as to create offensive smells, noises and conditions in the vicinity in which they are kept;

(4) The riding or walking of horses on the sidewalks of the city, or in any manner, allowing a horse or horses to use the sidewalks of the city. (Ord. 765 § 1, 1981; Ord. 531 § 1, 1974; Ord. 310 § 4, 1964)

**8.08.060 Impoundment – Redemption procedure.**

Whenever a dog is impounded under authority of this chapter, a written notice shall be sent to the owner or custodian of such dog if such person is known. The owner or custodian shall have three days after notice issuance to reclaim the dog, and if he fails to claim the dog within such time and pay the fees provided for herein, the dog shall be sold or humanely killed at the expiration of such period. All dogs impounded for having bitten a person shall not be released until expiration of a 14-day

period to allow an appropriate health check. (Ord. 221 § 5, 1957)

**8.08.070 Impoundment – Notice requirements.**

Whenever a dog is impounded and the owner or custodian thereof is unknown, a notice shall be forthwith posted in a conspicuous place on a bulletin board at the police station. The notice shall contain a general description of the impounded dog showing breed, sex, color and markings, and shall designate the date upon which the described dog shall be sold or otherwise disposed of unless sooner claimed and redeemed. Such date shall be not less than three days after impounding of the dog. If no claim or redemption by the owner or custodian of the described dog be made within the time fixed by the notice, such dog shall be sold or humanely killed at the expiration of such period. (Ord. 221 § 6, 1957)

**8.08.080 Impoundment – Hearing.**

In all cases where the owner or custodian of any impounded dog shall file with the chief of police a written notice or demand for hearing before the expiration of the time herein provided for the disposing of such dog, such person shall be entitled to a hearing before the police judge upon the question of the rightful impounding of the dog. Upon receipt of such notice the chief of police shall forward the demand or notice forthwith to the police judge who shall proceed to a trial of the question of the right of the city to impound the dog under the terms of this chapter, and upon the completion of such hearing shall enter a judgment sustaining such impounding or directing the release of the impounded dog as the evidence submitted shall warrant. Upon the entry of judgment sustaining the city in such impounding, the dog shall be sold or killed in the manner hereinafter provided unless the owner or custodian shall redeem the dog. (Ord. 221 § 7, 1957)

**8.08.090 Impoundment – Fees, charges.**

(1) Any dog impounded under the authority of this chapter may be released to the owner or custodian thereof upon payment of the following fees and charges:

(a) A boarding fee of \$20.00 per day, veterinarian fees and other direct expenses incurred during and in connection with the impoundment and the following:

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| First impoundment | \$25.00 |
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| Second impoundment               | \$75.00  |
| Third and subsequent impoundment | \$150.00 |

(2) For dogs impounded in the city of Camas the animal control facility fees shall be as follows: Impound fees shall be the sum of \$15.00 per day for each impoundment. (Ord. 1683 § 1 (Exh. A), 2010; Ord. 1661 § 1 (Exh. A), 2010; Ord. 1355 § 1, 1999; Ord. 1152 § 1, 1994; Ord. 949 § 1, 1989; Ord. 826 § 1, 1984; Ord. 776 § 2, 1981; Ord. 605 § 1, 1976; Ord. 531 § 2, 1974; Ord. 495 § 1, 1973; Ord. 221 § 8, 1957)

**8.08.100 Poundmaster – Contract – Bond required.**

The mayor and city clerk are authorized to enter into a contract from year to year with any person, firm or corporation within the limits of Clark County, Washington, who shall provide a place for and care for impounded dogs. Such contract shall require the person, firm or corporation, hereinafter designated as poundmaster, to comply with the terms of this chapter, and to furnish a bond in a sum of not less than \$1,000 to guarantee proper compliance with this chapter and with the contract. The poundmaster and/or agents are authorized to impound the dogs in the name of the city and to retain and/or dispose of same until and/or unless all fees and expenses as provided in WMC 8.08.090 shall have been paid in full. (Ord. 221 § 9, 1957)

**8.08.110 Impoundment – Release to other than owner.**

If an impounded dog is not claimed by its owner or custodian within the time limits fixed above, it may be released to any person upon payment of the fees and charges fixed in WMC 8.08.090 and by resolution, subject to claim of the owner of such dog upon reimbursement of the fees and charges so paid; and provided, that the claim of such owner is made within one month after the date of impounding. Upon releasing any dog to a person other than its owner, the poundmaster shall obtain and keep a written receipt from such person acknowledging that such person holds the dog subject to the claim of the owner upon reimbursement of the fees and charges paid. (Ord. 221 § 10, 1957)

**8.08.120 Impoundment – Record to be kept by poundmaster.**

The poundmaster shall make in triplicate a detailed record of each dog impounded showing

the date and time impounded, description of the dog, name and address of the owner or custodian, name and address of person to whom dog is released, date released or the date and method of other disposal. The original of such record shall be retained by the poundmaster, the duplicate copy shall be delivered to the city clerk and the triplicate copy shall be filed monthly with the city treasurer. (Ord. 221 § 11, 1957)

**8.08.130 Interference with impoundment authorities prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person to interfere in any way with any police officer or person employed as a dog-catcher engaged in seizing or impounding any dog under the authority of this chapter. (Ord. 221 § 12, 1957)

**8.08.140 Care of animals required.**

It is unlawful for any owner or custodian of any dog or other animal to fail to provide proper food, water, shelter, light, air or exercise facilities for the animal. Any person in violation of this section may be cited for violation thereof. Whenever it appears that a dog or other animal is being kept in violation of the above provision or it appears that the dog has been abandoned or left in violation of WMC 8.08.040(1) and (2), it may be impounded pursuant to WMC 8.08.040(3). (Ord. 531 § III, 1974)

**8.08.150 Harming animals prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person to wilfully and/or maliciously poison any dog or other domestic animal or to lay out or expose on the premises of another, or in any unenclosed place, any kind of poison or to leave exposed any poisoned food or drink harmful or fatal to man or domestic animals or any substances or fluid whatever, whereon or wherein there has been deposited or mingled any kind of poison or poisonous or deadly substance or fluid, or to aid or abet any person in so doing; provided, this shall not make for criminal liability any person using any kind of standard fertilizer or insecticide on his own property. (Ord. 531 § IV, 1974)

**8.08.160 Beating, killing animal prohibited.**

It is unlawful for any person to wilfully and cruelly beat or cruelly injure any animal, or to kill any animal owned by another, or to kill any animal he himself owns by any mode or means which cause it unnecessary fright or pain. It further is unlawful for any person by neglect or otherwise, to cause or

allow any animal to endure unnecessary pain, suffering or injury. (Ord. 531 § V, 1974)

**8.08.165 Livestock running at large.**

It is unlawful for the owner of any livestock to allow same to run at large within the corporate limits of the city, or to stake, tie or herd the same on any city street in the city or on the premises of which the owner of such livestock is not the owner, or entitled to the possession of the premises. (Ord. 1236 § 1, 1997)

**8.08.170 Penalties for violation.**

Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a nontraffic infraction for which a notice of infraction shall be issued. The notice of infraction shall be in the same form and shall contain the same information as prescribed for a notice of traffic infraction as specified in WMC 10.08.010 and RCW 46.63.060. The procedures for responding to a notice of infraction issued pursuant to this chapter shall be the same as required for traffic infractions by the WMC 10.08.010 and RCW 46.63.070. Hearing on notices of infraction issued pursuant to this section shall be conducted in the same manner as traffic infraction hearings, the procedures for which are set forth in WMC 10.08.010 and RCW 46.63.080 through 46.63.100 and RCW 46.63.120. Any person found to have committed a violation of this chapter shall be assessed a monetary penalty not to exceed \$250.00. (Ord. 794 § 1, 1982; Ord. 605 § 2, 1976; Ord. 531 § IV, 1974; Ord. 481 § 1, 1972)

**8.08.180 Failure to respond.**

Any person failing to respond to a notice of infraction issued pursuant to this chapter in one of the ways provided for by WMC 8.08.170 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 794 § 2, 1982)

**Chapter 8.12****AGGRESSIVE OR VICIOUS DOGS**

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**8.12.010 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1)(a) “Aggressive or vicious dogs” means dogs that are found to menace, chase, display threatening or aggressive behavior, or otherwise endanger the safety of any human or domestic animal, or dogs with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals, or any dog which attacks a human being or domestic animal one or more times.

(b) “Aggressive or vicious dogs” shall be classified as follows:

(i) Level 1. A Level 1 dog is one which menaces, chases or displays threatening behavior to any domestic animal, or has been found running at large two or more times during a 12-month period.

(ii) Level 2. A Level 2 dog is any dog which has shown aggressive tendencies by menacing, chasing or otherwise endangering the safety of a human.

(iii) Level 3. A Level 3 dog is any dog which when unprovoked has bitten a human or killed a domestic animal.

(iv) Level 4. A Level 4 dog is any dog which has attacked a human resulting in serious injury or death, or which has bitten a human on two or more occasions, or which has attacked and killed another domestic animal on two or more occasions.

(2) “Animal” means and includes vertebrates except Homo sapiens.

(3) “Animal control authority” means the person, association or corporation, appointed or authorized (including contractual authorization) by the mayor of the city to carry out the duties of animal control officer and enforcement under this chapter.

(4) “Animal control officer” means and includes the person(s) designated by the city to impound, retain, care for, and dispose of animals found to be in violation of this chapter.

(5) “At large” means off the premises of the owner and not under the immediate control of the owner, member of his immediate family or person authorized by him, by means of a leash, cord or chain no longer than eight feet and of sufficient strength to restrain the dog.

(6) “Detain” means apprehend and/or keep an animal in custody.

(7) “Dispose of in a humane manner” means the animal may be adopted, turned over to the Humane Society, or euthanized by an overdose of sodium phenobarbital, as appropriate.

(8) “Domestic animal” means an animal that is usually tamed and bred for the uses of humans.

(9) “Guard dog” or “attack dog” means a dog not owned by a governmental agency which has been trained and is used for the purpose of protecting persons or property by exhibiting hostile and aggressive behavior or which will attack on signal or command.

(10) “Harboring” means allowing any animal to remain, be lodged, fed or sheltered, for more than 24 hours, on property one owns, occupies or controls.

(11) “Holding period” means the 72-hour period commencing at 1:00 a.m. following the date of detainment for any animal.

(12) “Inhumane treatment” means every act, omission or neglect whereby any animal is caused or permitted unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering.

(13) “Owner” means a person who harbors, keeps, causes or permits any animal to remain on or about his/her premises or who has legal title to the animal.

(14) “Quarantine” means the isolation by the animal control officer of an animal for the purpose of determining whether the animal is diseased and to prevent the spread of disease.

(15) “Trespassing” means an animal which enters upon property owned by another without the authorization of the lawful occupant.

(16) “Vicious animal” means an animal with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to

cause injury, or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or any animal which attacks a human being or domestic animal one or more times without provocation; or any animal which has been quarantined for the second time for biting humans. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.020 Aggressive or vicious dogs – Determination procedures.**

(1) Whenever the animal control officer has reason to believe that a dog has exhibited vicious or aggressive tendencies, he shall issue to the owner thereof a notification charging the dog with being a Level 1, 2, 3, or 4 dog as appropriate. The aggressive dog notification shall further identify the requirements and restrictions for a dog of that level, and shall require the owner's compliance therewith. The aggressive dog notification shall also contain a request for hearing form by which the owner of the dog may request a hearing to contest the animal control officer's aggressive dog notification.

(2) Any owner of a dog may contest the animal control officer's aggressive dog notification by filing with the municipal court a written request for hearing within seven days of receiving the aggressive dog notification.

(3) If the owner does not request a hearing within seven days, or requests a hearing and then fails to appear at the hearing, then the aggressive dog notification of the animal control officer shall be final and binding upon the owner.

(4) Any hearing conducted to determine whether a dog is an aggressive or vicious dog shall be in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure for Justice Courts. The city shall have the burden of proving by preponderance of the evidence that the dog is aggressive or vicious and should be subject to the restrictions pertaining to aggressive and vicious dogs.

(5) Upon conclusion of the hearing, the court shall determine whether the dog is an aggressive or vicious dog, and if so, what level of restrictions should be applied.

(6) Any owner who keeps a dog classified as an aggressive or vicious dog and who fails to comply with the applicable restrictions and requirements for that classification level shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.030 Restrictions on aggressive and vicious dogs.**

(1) Level 1. A Level 1 dog is one which menaces, chases or displays threatening behavior to any domestic animal, or has been found running at large two or more times during a 12-month period. A Level 1 dog is required to be restrained whenever outside the owner's home, and shall be prevented from reaching an adjoining or public or private property. When off the property the dog must be on leash of no longer than eight feet, and under the control of a responsible person.

(2) Level 2. A Level 2 dog is any dog which has shown aggressive tendencies by menacing, chasing or otherwise endangering the safety of a human. A Level 2 dog is required to be restrained on the owner's property by a secure fence with a secure locking device, with the fence to be at least six feet high. When off the property, the dog must be on a leash of no longer than eight feet in length and under the control of a responsible person.

(3) Level 3. A Level 3 dog is any dog which when unprovoked has bitten a human or killed a domestic animal. A Level 3 dog is required to be restrained on the owner's property in the same manner as a Level 2 dog, with the additional requirement that signs be prominently displayed at all entrances to the premises, clearly warning of the presence of an aggressive or vicious dog. When off the property, the dog must be muzzled in addition to the requirements for a Level 2 dog.

(4) Level 4. A Level 4 dog is any dog who has attacked a human resulting in serious injury or death, or which has bitten a human on two or more occasions, or which has attacked and killed another domestic animal on two or more occasions. A Level 4 dog shall be immediately taken into custody and be humanely killed not less than four working days after impoundment unless exempt by the court. Any owner who keeps a dog classified as aggressive or vicious, and who fails to comply with the applicable restrictions and requirements for that classification level, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.040 Aggressive or vicious dogs – General requirements.**

(1) A Level 1 dog is required to be restrained whenever outside the owner's home, and shall be prevented from reaching any adjoining or public or private property. When off the property, the dog

must be on a leash of no longer than eight feet, and under the control of a responsible person.

(2) A Level 2 dog is required to be restrained on the owner's property by a secure fence with a secure locking device, with the fence to be at least six feet high. When off the property, the dog must be on a leash of no longer than eight feet, and under the control of a responsible person.

(3) A Level 3 dog is required to be restrained on the owner's property in the same manner as a Level 2 dog with the additional requirement that signs be prominently displayed at all entrances to the premises clearly warning of the presence of an aggressive or vicious dog. When off of the owner's property, the dog must be muzzled in addition to the requirement for a Level 2 dog.

The owner of a Level 3 dog must present to the animal control officer evidence that a surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under Chapter 48.28 RCW in a form acceptable to the animal control authority in the sum of at least \$50,000 payable to any person injured by the Level 3 dog, or a policy of liability insurance, such as home owner's insurance, issued by an insurer qualified under Title 48 RCW in the amount of at least \$50,000, insuring the owner for any personal injuries inflicted by the Level 3 dog.

(4) A Level 4 dog shall immediately be taken into custody and be humanely killed not less than four working days after impoundment unless exempt by the court. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

#### **8.12.050 Possession of dangerous animals prohibited.**

No person shall own any dangerous or wild animal unless he/she has obtained a permit from the State Game Department and/or Federal Fish and Wildlife Service; provided, that the animal control authority may allow a person to temporarily care for an infant or injured wild animal native to this area which is homeless while the person acquires the necessary state and/or federal permits and upon a showing that the animal will be adequately controlled to protect the health and safety of humans and of other animals. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

#### **8.12.060 Rabies vaccination required.**

(1) All dogs over the age of six months shall have a current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian. The owner is required to attach a tag to a collar showing that the dog has been properly vaccinated. A certificate of vaccination must be shown when licensing a dog.

(2) Any dog that has bitten any person shall be immediately confined for a period of at least 10 days. No dog under confinement shall be released from confinement without approval of the animal control officer.

(3) It is unlawful for the owner of any dog that has bitten any person to destroy such dog before it can be properly confined by an animal control officer. The location of such confinement shall be determined by the animal control officer and shall be at the sole expense of the owner or custodian. The owner or custodian of any dog that has been reported as having bitten a person shall produce such dog for examination and quarantine on demand of the animal control officer. If the owner or custodian of any such dog refuses to produce the dog, he/she shall be subject to immediate arrest by a police officer if probable cause exists to believe that the dog has bitten a person and the owner or custodian wilfully refuses to produce the dog on demand. Such persons shall be taken before the judge of the municipal court who may order immediate production of the dog. Any person who wilfully fails or refuses to produce a dog that has bitten a human being, or who destroys a dog that has bitten a human being, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) If any dog under quarantine dies, the animal control officer shall take immediate action to obtain a pathological and inoculation examination of the dog. If the dog is found to be rabid, the animal control officer shall notify the county public health officer of any reports of human contact with the dog. Any dog which has not been inoculated against rabies and known to have been bitten by a rabid animal shall immediately be humanely destroyed. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

#### **8.12.070 Dog licenses – Guard or attack dogs.**

No person shall use a guard dog or attack dog without first obtaining a guard or attack dog license. The application for the guard or attack dog shall certify the following information:

(1) The name and address of the owner of the guard/attack dog, description of the dog, address and business name, if any, of the premises the dog will guard;

(2) The name and address of the trainer and the name and address of the purveyor of the dog;

(3) That the premises the dog will guard is adequately secured for the safety of the public;

(4) That signs are displayed on the premises at all entrances clearly warning that a guard/attack dog is on duty;

(5) That the user of the guard/attack dog is aware of and understands the aggressive nature of the dog; and

(6) That the owner of the guard/attack dog has a surety bond or policy of liability insurance in the amount of at least \$50,000, insuring the owner for any personal injuries inflicted by the dog. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.080 Maximum number of dogs – Exceptions.**

No person shall keep more than four dogs that are over six months of age on any premises in the city. This restriction will not apply to veterinary clinics, animal pounds, pet stores or commercial kennels that are in compliance with applicable city codes, including but not limited to health, safety and zoning requirements.

It shall further be unlawful for any owner or custodian to suffer or permit any animal, reptile or fowl to trespass upon private or public property as to damage, disturb, injure, destroy or soil any property or thing of value. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.090 Confinement and control.**

It is unlawful for any person to:

(1) Permit any dog to be at large; provided, that dogs may be removed from the premises of the owner if restrained by a leash no more than eight feet in length in the physical control of a person;

(2) Fail to confine any dog that is in heat in a secure enclosure in such a manner that a male dog cannot come in contact with the female without the owner's permission;

(3) Permit any dog to:

(a) Damage public property or the private property of another, or

(b) Habitually bark, whine or howl;

(4) Permit any dog to trespass upon the property of another;

(5) Tether any dog in such a manner as to permit the animal to enter any sidewalk, street, alley or a place open to the public, or to enter any adjacent property unless authorized by the occupant or owner of the adjacent property;

(6) Possess more than four dogs over six months of age; and

(7) Harbor an animal not his/her own for more than 24 hours without notifying animal control. Any person who feeds, shelters, cares for, or allows an animal to remain on the premises for more than

24 hours without notifying animal control shall be considered the owner of the animal for licensing and other requirements of this chapter. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.100 Safety and sanitation.**

It is unlawful for any person to:

(1) Allow the accumulation of dog feces in the animals' quarters to become offensive in smell or to litter the quarters;

(2) Fail to remove from public property or private property of another that fecal matter deposited by his/her animal on the property before the owner leaves the immediate area where the fecal matter was deposited;

(3) Permit any animal to spread or spill garbage;

(4) Have possession or control of any animal sick or afflicted with any infection or contagious disease and fail to provide treatment for such infection or disease; or allow or permit such diseased or infected animal to run at large or come in contact with other animals or human beings or drink at any public or common watering trough or stream accessible to other animals; and

(5) Fail to promptly report to the animal control authority any bites inflicted by a dog on a human. (Ord. 1026 § 1, 1990)

**8.12.110 Police dogs.**

This chapter shall have no effect regarding police dogs as set forth in RCW 4.24.410(a). (Ord. 1026 § 2, 1990)