

Proposed Animal Code Modifications to Chapter 6.04 – February 25, 2009

Section	Change	Reason
Various sections	Repeal of Chapter 6.12 Keeping of Animals (AMP's) and Chapter 6.18 Cats	Moved to Chapter 6.04 Animal Control and Protection; combines animal codes for clarity and ease of use
6.04.040	Establishes animal nuisance provisions and provides for health officer and other law enforcement officers authority to issue notices to appear for nuisance animals	Enhances enforcement of nuisance codes
6.04.052	Provides restrictions on ownership of pit bulls	Provides greater control of a group of dogs that require 25-30% of the programs resources
	Requires all adult pit bulls to be micro chipped	Provides for identification of owner
	Requires mandatory surgical sterilization of all adult pit bulls within 6 months of ordinance adoption unless one is a licensed breeder; exempts pit bull service dogs in city prior to adoption of ordinance; exempts those with a certified vet statement that it would be injurious to the dog	Provides greater control of indiscriminate breeding of pit bulls
	Makes it unlawful for anyone to own more than two adult pit bulls; exempts those owners with valid animal maintenance permits for more than two pit bulls at the time of adopted ordinance (for the life of those animals only)	Provides greater control of indiscriminate breeding of pit bulls
	Provides right to appeal determination that any dog is a pit bull	Provides customer assurance of fair treatment
	Exempts pit bull dogs being kept temporarily in city for legitimate dog shows	Does not hinder private enterprise.
6.04.110	Requires dogs, cats, and ferrets to be vaccinated for rabies at by a licensed DVM at least every three years with a vaccine listed in the Nat'l association of State and Public Health Veterinarians Compendium for Rabies Control	Provides licensed Doctors of Veterinary Medicine the flexibility to legally administer rabies vaccinations to best suit their patients' needs
	Requires annual certification by a vet that each dog has been properly vaccinated for rabies	Certifies that dogs are protected against rabies prior to annual licensing by the city
	Provides exemption for three year rabies vaccination requirements if a vet certifies it would be injurious to the animal due to its health or age	Provides licensed Doctors of Veterinary Medicine the flexibility to legally administer rabies vaccinations to best suit their patients' need

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6.04.155	Revises Breeder’s License requirements including alignment with Unified Zoning Code	Provides clarity and mechanism for enforcement of existing breeder license requirements; requires compliance with existing zoning regulations
6.04.157	Incorporates animal maintenance permit codes (Chapter 6.12) into 6.04 and clarifies the existing language for maximum number of animals allowed to be kept on any one residentially zoned property. Sets maximum number without AMP at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No livestock without AMP • 2 dogs • 2 cats • 3 rabbits • 6 fowl or pigeons • No more than 3 “kinds” of animals without AMP 	Combines codes for ease of use and provides clarity
	Establishes maximum number of animals allowed with an AMP at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 dogs • 4 cats • 12 fowl (25 pigeons) • 1 per acre livestock • 1 neutered Vietnamese pot bellied pig • 12 rabbits • 25 fur-bearing animals such as chinchillas, mink, etc. (for fur harvest) 	Combines codes for ease of use and provides clarity
	Revises requirements for AMP application and for maintenance of domestic animals	Provides clarity for animal maintenance requirements and mechanism for denying, suspending and revoking AMP’s
	Revises ownership requirements for livestock including mandatory acreage requirements	Helps prevent neighborhood nuisances associated with keeping livestock
	Revises fee schedule for AMP’s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs & cats: from \$20 to \$25 • Livestock: from \$20 or \$50 to \$100 	Fees help offset program costs

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6.04.176	Expands regulation of and requirements for commercial animal facilities.	Enhances regulation of commercial facilities and includes groomers and other establishments currently not being regulated
6.04.218	Establishes designation of off-leash areas of dog parks by directors of ES and Parks Dept.	Enhances citizens' quality of life
	Establishes rules and regulations for off-leash dog parks	Enhances public safety and helps prevent nuisances caused by animals
	Establishes enforcement mechanisms and fines for violations of rules and regulations within off-leash dog parks	Enhances public safety and helps prevent nuisances caused by animals