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Article I. – In General

Sec. 18-1. – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Agency means the agency or entity, including its officers and agents, designated by the City of New Orleans to maintain an animal control program for the city.

Cat means any *Felis catus* four months of age or older.

Community Cat means a feral or free-roaming cat that is without visibly-discernible identification of any kind and has been sterilized, vaccinated, and ear-tipped. Community cats are exempt from licensing, feeding bans, and registration requirements.

Community Cat Caregiver means any person other than an owner, keeper, custodian or harborer, who provides food or water to a community cat or community cats.

Cruelty to animals means the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment of any animal by any act, or omission whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering, or death is caused to or permitted upon such animal.

Director means the director of the department of health for the City of New Orleans or his duly authorized representative.

Dog means any *canis lupis familiaris* over four months of age.

Ear-tipped means removing approximately a quarter-inch off the tip of a cat's left ear while the cat is anesthetized for sterilization.

Feral cat means a cat that is born in the wild, is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized, or is a formerly-owned cat that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized.

Ferocious animals means any wild or exotic animal that by virtue of its size, temperament, natural environment or present circumstances is capable of threatening the safety of a living being or one that may be given to extreme fierceness, unrestrained violence or brutality.

Keeper and/or *custodian* means any person other than the owner harboring or having in his possession any dog, cat or companion animal (excluding wild, exotic, or ferocious animals)..

Licensed veterinarian means a practicing veterinarian in the city who is licensed by and is in good standing with the Louisiana state board of veterinary examiners.

Owner means any person owning, possessing, harboring, keeping, maintaining, or having or assuming the care, custody or control of an animal or fowl.

Wild or exotic animals means:

- (1) any live monkey (nonhuman primate), raccoon, skunk, wolf, squirrel, coyote, fox, leopard, panther, tiger, lion, lynx, serval cat, or any other warm-blooded animal not otherwise defined;
- (2) any venomous or constricting snake (such as *Boidea* family) that will grow to an adult size greater than 3 feet;
- (3) any tarantula which can normally be found in the wild state;
- (4) any member of crocodylian, including, but not limited to, alligators, crocodiles, caimans and gharials;
- (5) any exotic animal hybrid; or
- (6) any rooster, cockerel, cock, or chanticleer.

Ferrets, nonvenomous snakes (other than constricting snakes that will grow to an adult size larger than 3 feet), rabbits, box or aquatic turtles, laboratory rats and skunks which have been bred and raised in captivity which have never known the wild, and pocket pets or pet

rodents including, but not limited to, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, chinchillas, sugar gliders or hedgehogs shall be excluded from this definition.

Sec. 18-2. – Cruelty and abuse of animals prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to ill-treat, tease, molest, or abandon an animal or fowl. It shall be unlawful to overdrive, overload or cruelly beat, mutilate, kill, torture, poison, abuse, or cause to procure to be overdriven, overloaded, or cruelly beaten, mutilated, killed, tortured, poisoned or abused, any animal or fowl.

(1) A feral cat that has been trapped for the purpose of sterilization, vaccination or ear tipping and is returned to the location where it was trapped shall not be deemed abandoned.

(b) It is unlawful for any person keeping an animal or fowl to fail to provide for that animal or fowl:

- (1) Clean, sanitary, safe and humane conditions;
- (2) Sufficient quantities of appropriate food daily served in a sanitary container or dish;
- (3) Proper shelter as defined in 18-2.1;
- (4) Adequate quantities of visible clean and fresh water available at all times provided in a sanitary manner; and
- (5) Medical attention and/or necessary veterinary care when an animal is sick, diseased, or injured. This shall include necessary efforts to maintain an animal's coat and skin in a reasonably healthy condition and free of fleas and ticks. Upon request of the Agency, written proof of veterinary care must be provided.
- (6) Sufficient living space for the animal to move about freely to exercise, lie down as well as sit and stand.

An animal shall be considered abandoned if any of the above requirements are not met for more than 24 hours.

(c) Individuals, institutions or corporations who trap domestic animals or wildlife in humane traps are responsible for monitoring the traps and ensuring the safety of the animals trapped until they are removed by the Agency or a certified wildlife removal company. Failure to monitor the wellbeing of the trapped animals resulting in injury or death of the trapped animal whether intentional or through negligence shall be unlawful and considered cruelty to animals.

(d) It shall be unlawful to leave any animal in an unattended motor vehicle or transport an animal in any motor vehicle without adequate ventilation. Temporary or permanent medical injury, distress, or death caused to an animal in a vehicle regardless of ventilation shall be considered cruelty.

(e) It shall be unlawful to transport any animal on a public road in any open-bed vehicle unless the animal is safely and humanely restrained (at a minimum by a harness with double tethering for dogs) so that the animal is unable to jump or fall out of the vehicle. If transporting an animal in a kennel or cage in an open bed vehicle, the kennel or cage must be double-tethered to prevent the kennel from moving.

Sec. 18-2.1. – Minimum standards of care for animals.

(a) *Shelter and care.*

- (1) A shelter must be sanitary, of sound construction, and provide adequate protection from the cold and heat. The shelter must be placed in a dry area free of debris, feces, and standing water. It must have at least three solid sides and a solid, immovable, weatherproof roof, have a solid sanitary floor that sits at least 1.5 inches off of the ground, be adequately ventilated, provide adequate light, and provide shelter from wind, rain, sun and the elements at all times. Suitable drainage must be provided so that water is not standing in or around the shelter.
- (2) A shelter must be large enough for the animal to stand, turn around, and lie down without touching the sides or top of the shelter.

- (3) All areas where animals are kept shall be cleaned regularly so that fecal matter is disposed of so not to attract insects or rodents, become unsightly or cause objectionable odors. For cats and dogs, floors of animal housing should be made of an impervious material to facilitate cleaning and drainage. Sealed concrete is ideal.
- (4) If multiple animals are present in one location, each animal must have a separate and clean food bowl. Each animal must have access to shelter and the owner must meet all standards as detailed in this section.
- (5) When outdoor temperatures reach freezing levels, all cats, except feral and community cats, dogs, and companion animals (excluding wild, exotic and ferocious animals) must be moved indoors or to an area that provides shelter from the weather. All cats, except feral and community cats, and dogs must be moved indoors for their safety for the duration of an extreme weather advisory issued for a specific time period by the NOAA's National Weather Service including but not limited to: heat, tornado, tropical storm, or hurricane. Animals must remain indoors and provided care for the duration of the advisory unless being walked on a leash by their owners, guardian or custodian.
- (6) No dog or cat shall wear a muzzle unless the owner is present or the dog or cat is under veterinary care.
- (7) If the Agency determines upon inspection that an animal owner or keeper is not in compliance with the provisions of this section, the Agency shall provide written notice to the owner or keeper as such. Failure by the owner to comply within five (5) business days of receiving notice shall result in the temporary impoundment of all animals on the offending property(s) by the Agency and the issuance of a summons or citation to the owner pursuant to section 18-36. The Agency may remove any animal from the property in less than five (5) business days, if the removal is deemed necessary to protect the health and well-being of the animal. All animals shall be promptly returned to the owner or keeper upon a determination by the Society that the owner or keeper has come into compliance with this section or a determination by the municipal court that the owner or keeper was not in violation of this section. The owner or keeper shall compensate the Agency for the costs of keeping and care of the animal(s) for every day that the animal was in the possession of the Agency pursuant to the fee schedule laid out in section 18-56, except that the owner or keeper shall not be required to compensate the Agency if the municipal court determines that the keeper or owner was not in violation of this section.

(b) *Tethering.* It shall be unlawful to tether a dog, except as follows. A dog may be restrained to an overhead running line, pulley, or trolley system under the following conditions:

- (1) The tether is attached to the dog by means of a suitable, properly-fitted collar or harness not exceeding 2 inches in width. Choke or prong collars are not permitted. The tether must have a swivel on both ends.
- (2) The tether provides access to adequate space for the dog to move about freely and cannot become entangled in such a way that would prevent the dog's mobility or cause strangulation.
- (3) At minimum, the tether should be 4 times the length of the dog from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail and the tether must allow the dog to lie down with its head flat on the ground and provides an additional 12 inches of slack.
- (4) The tether is made of a durable, lightweight material that will not cause unnecessary stress on the dog. The tether shall not weigh more than 3% of the dog's total body weight. Thick chains and other heavy lines are prohibited.
- (5) The tether allows the dog to move at least 30 feet. Otherwise, the dog must be removed from the tether at least twice a day for exercise and/or socialization for a minimum of 60 minutes each day.
- (6) The tether does not inhibit the animal's access to shelter shade, food, and water; and
- (7) Intact dogs may not be tethered under any circumstances.

- (8) Dogs may not be tethered unsupervised between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Sec. 18-3. – Bringing sick animals into the city.

No person shall bring into or maintain within the limits of the city any animal sick with a reportable disease declared by the director to be of an epidemical nature.

Sec. 18-4. – Report of sickness, isolation of animals.

All owners or persons in charge of animals, including veterinary surgeons, and all other persons shall at once report to the director any case coming to their knowledge of animals sick with a reportable disease declared by the director to be infectious, contagious or of epidemical nature, or any case which may be regarded as suspicious or exhibiting symptoms of any such disease, and shall at once isolate any sick animal from the well stock.

Sec. 18-5. – Cremation of animals dying of disease; disinfection of place.

Upon the death of any animal from any disease of an epidemical nature, or from any suspicious cause, the owner of such animal or his agent shall immediately report such fact to the director and then proceed to cremate the animal or have it cremated in such a manner and at such time and place as the director may indicate. He shall also disinfect or have disinfected the place where any such sickness or death occurs in such manner as the director may prescribe.

Sec. 18-6. – Owner not to withhold information from director.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of any animal to purposefully withhold from the director any information relative to any infectious, contagious, suspicious, suspected or reportable case of illness among animals.

Sec. 18-7. – Wild or exotic animals as pets prohibited.

No person shall keep or permit to be kept any wild, or exotic animal as a pet.

Sec. 18-8. – Display of notice where wild or exotic animals are sold.

No person shall offer for sale wild or exotic animals as pets. Zoos and educational institutions that are accredited and that meet all state and federal regulations may sell wild and exotic animals to other zoos or educational institutions with similar accreditations and that also meet all state and federal regulations.

Sec. 18-9. – Keeping of ferocious animals in the city.

No ferocious animals shall be kept within the limits of the city on the premises of individuals or in menageries unless such animals are under the charge of an armed guard day and night.

(Code 1956, § 7-13)

Sec. 18-10. – Ferocious animals may be destroyed.

The Agency, through its agents, as well as law enforcement agents may destroy any ferocious animal which cannot be safely taken up or impounded, but it shall be unlawful for any other person to willfully kill any animal unless in protection of life or limb.

Sec. 18-11. – Feeding or annoying animals in zoo, park, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to feed without authorization any beast, fowl, bird, reptile or animal of any kind whatsoever confined in a cage or enclosure in any zoo, park or other public place, or to annoy any animal by throwing or putting any object into any such cage or enclosure.

Sec. 18-12. – Places where animals are kept are to be kept clean.

All places where animals are kept shall be kept clean and wholesome by removal of all fecal matter, odor, urine, deceased animals and other offensive matters and by suitable cleansing as often as may be necessary, under the rules and regulations established by the director.

Sec. 18-13. – Soiling of public and private property by animals.

(a) If any public or private property is soiled or contaminated by an animal, whether such nuisance shall take place in the presence of the owner or keeper or not, or if the owner or the keeper is a minor, the parents or guardian thereof shall be deemed guilty of violating this section. This section shall not apply in a designated off-leash area or "dog park" in which the owner or keeper, or parents or guardian thereof, shall abide by the regulations imposed by the management of such area which shall include, but not be limited to, immediate cleanup and proper disposal of animal waste by the owner or keeper, or parent or guardian thereof.

(b) Any person who is in violation of this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and no less than three seven-hour days of trash cleanup duties.

(Code 1956, § 7-25; M.C.S., Ord. No. 16,828, 12-15-94; M.C.S., Ord. No. 22996, § 1, 2-15-08)

Sec. 18-14. – Cats and Dogs to be confined, exceptions.

(a) Except as provided herein below, all cats and dogs are to be confined within a secure, enclosed fence that is a minimum of 4 feet tall and shelter as outlined in 18-2.1(a)(1) or properly tethered as outlined in 18-2.1(b) at all times, unless accompanied by an owner, driver or keeper.

(b) Dogs which are properly licensed and vaccinated as stipulated in this chapter may be allowed outside of an enclosure if under a secure leash and accompanied by their owner or keeper but are not to be allowed to trespass upon any public property, if so prohibited by another ordinance, or upon private property. Designated dog parks or "off-leash" areas are exempt from the provisions of this section. The area of City Park known as NOLA Bark generally bounded by Zachary Taylor Drive, Diagonal Drive, and Magnolia Drive is such an exempted area.

(c) All indoor/outdoor cats that are privately owned must be microchipped or ear tipped.

(d) Community cats may be allowed outside so long as the cats do not prove to be a nuisance to neighbors. Any ear-tipped cat collected under the provisions of this section shall be released on-site unless suffering from an obvious injury or illness. Any non ear-tipped cat collected under the provisions of this section shall not be returned to its owner until such time as said owner shall have cat spayed or neutered, ear tipped or microchipped, and vaccinated against rabies, and all nuisance complaints are resolved. Repairing damage caused to private property as well as any required modifications required to abate the nuisance shall be the responsibility of the registered caregiver.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section allowing otherwise, no dogs other than dogs in parades in which dogs are the main attraction or sole participants, dogs confined on the property of their owners, dogs assigned to law enforcement canine units, seeing-eye dogs and/or dogs assisting physically challenged individuals, are allowed within 200 yards of any parade route one hour before, during, or one hour after a scheduled parade.

Sec. 18-15. – Sale of rabbits and other animals.

(a) All rabbits sold or adopted in Orleans Parish by individuals or pet shops must be spayed or neutered prior to sale or adoption unless certified by a veterinarian as unfit for surgery due to age or other medical condition.

(b) The auctioning, raffling or giving away as a prize or premium or advertising device of any animal at public or private events, including at fundraising events, is hereby prohibited.

(c) Individuals and retail establishments selling, adopting or placing animals must maintain the following information for a 12-month period after the sale of the animal and make it available for inspection to the Agency:

- (1) The source of each animal available for sale or sold including the name, address, and phone number of animal breeder;
- (2) A valid health certificate issued by a Louisiana-licensed veterinarian prior to the sale in Orleans Parish; and
- (3) A copy of all information provided to the purchaser regarding veterinary care requirements for the specific type of animal for sale.

Willful failure to comply with this section may result in a citation under Section 18-18(b).

Sec. 18-16. – Sale, etc., of artificially colored or dyed animals.

No animal that has been dyed or otherwise colored artificially may be sold or offered for sale, raffled, offered or given as a prize, premium or advertising device; or, displayed in any store, carnival or other public place.

(Code 1956, § 7-10)

Sec. 18-17. – Animal fighting, facilities for same, prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to hold, operate, attend, sponsor or in any way further a contest that pits animals against each other and for anyone to maintain facilities for this purpose.

(Code 1956, § 7-36)

Sec. 18-18. – Fines and other penalties for violations.

(a) Violations of this chapter shall be deemed to be violations of a public health and environmental ordinance; and shall be subject to civil administrative adjudication pursuant of Chapter 6.

(b) Any person who commits any act prohibited or omits the doing of any act required by this chapter for which a lesser penalty is not specifically prescribed herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof in the municipal court shall be liable for a fine not to exceed \$500.00, and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed six months, and/or community service and all costs associated with the feeding and keeping of the animals in 18.56. In addition, the presiding judge may in his/her discretion impose any other sanction or take any action that he/she deems necessary for the protection of public health or safety or the well-being of any animal that is connected to the proceeding at hand.

Sec. 18-19. – Responsibility of association members, partners, and corporate officers.

When an association of individuals is charged with violation of any provision of this chapter, each individual of such association or, if it is a foreign association, the local agent or person locally in charge thereof shall be deemed to represent such association of individuals for the purpose of enforcing this chapter and shall be held responsible and punishable for each violation thereof. When a firm is charged with such violation, each member thereof or, if it is a foreign firm, the local agent or person locally in charge of such firm shall be deemed to represent such firm for the purpose of enforcing this chapter, and shall be held responsible and punishable for each violation thereof. When a corporation is charged with such violation, all or any officers of such corporation may be held responsible and punishable for each violation of this chapter or if it is a foreign corporation, the local agent or person locally in charge thereof shall be deemed to represent such corporation for the purpose of enforcing this chapter and shall be held responsible and punishable for each violation thereof.

(Code 1956, § 7-57)

Sec. 18-20. – Unnatural stimulation of horses; willful pulling of reins; penalty.

(a) No person shall administer or apply or cause to be administered or applied to any horse which has been entered in any race, any drug, chemical, or other substance whatsoever, or any electric battery or other apparatus, which might have the effect of unnaturally depressing, stimulating or exciting any horse during any race. No jockey mounted on any horse during a race shall willfully pull the reins, or do anything whatsoever that has the effect of diminishing the chance of the horse winning any race whether such action on the part of the jockey is of his own accord, by instruction from the owner of the horse, or as a result of conspiracy with any other person.

(b) The violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days or both such fine and imprisonment.

(Code 1956, § 42-114)

Sec. 18- 18-21—18-35. – Reserved.

Article II. – Administration

DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY

Sec. 18-36. – Certain powers of the director and the Agency.

The director and the Agency may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this chapter including issuing summonses for violations of the provisions of this chapter. Upon discovering a violation of this chapter the director, the Agency or any other persons authorized by law, shall issue a summons to the person(s) legally responsible for the violation. The summons or citation need not be served at the time the violation is discovered. The summons shall recite the violation charged and:

- (1) If a lesser violation as outlined in Section 18-18, the fine to be assessed therefor. The summons shall also apprise the violator that he has five days from the date of the issuance of the summons to remit by U.S. mail or in person the fine at the office of the Agency. The summons shall further contain a trial date and recite that if after the expiration of five days, the fine has not been paid, a copy of the summons or citation will be forwarded to the clerk of the municipal court and a hearing will be held on the trial date.
- (2) If a misdemeanor as outlined in Section 18-18, the trial date upon which a hearing will be held at municipal court.

The director, the executive director of the Agency, or the chief or assistant chief humane officer of the Agency shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations in connection with charges made under this section. The city shall furnish such police officers as may be necessary to assist in the enforcement of this chapter and also in the enforcing of any other law or ordinance relative to the curbing of cruelty to animals.

Sec. 18-37. – Reserved.

Sec. 18-38. – Interference with director or society.

- (a) Any person who shall hinder, molest or interfere with the director or the society in the performance of any function authorized by this chapter shall be guilty of a violation of this section.
- (b) When called upon, the police are to assist the director or the society in the enforcement of this chapter.

(Code 1956, § 7-3)

Sec. 18-39. – Landlords and agents to provide information.

The owner, or his agent, of property inhabited by others must furnish the names of the inhabitants, to the director, or the society if such information is necessary to enforce any section of this chapter.

(Code 1956, § 7-4)

Sec. 18-40. – Director may order animals impounded.

If the director in the performance of his duties determines that any animal is being maintained in an environment that may be detrimental to its health and safety or to the public health and safety he may order the society to impound such animal.

(Code 1956, § 7-5)

Sec. 18- 18-41—18-55. – Reserved.

DIVISION 2. – CITY ANIMAL SHELTER

Sec. 18-56. – Compensation of Agency.

The Agency shall receive the total fees that may accrue from the keeping and feeding of the animals impounded under this chapter according to the following schedule:

Stray or owned animal impounded by the Agency - \$35.00 for the first day, \$25.00 each additional day.

Stray or owned animal brought to the Agency by the public - \$25.00 for each day.

Stray or owned animal without current rabies license or vaccination - \$25.00 in addition to the daily care rate.

Stray or owned animal without microchip - \$35 for microchip insertion.

Stray or owned animal with medical conditions requiring veterinary care – reimbursement of the actual, documented cost of veterinary services.

Stray or owned animal intact - \$50.00 for spay/neuter surgery.

Fees may be waived or reduced at the discretion of the Agency or its agents.

Sec. 18-57. – Impoundment authorized.

All animals and animal-drawn vehicles taken up by the police, the Agency or other citizens for violating the provisions of this chapter shall be placed in the city animal shelter.

Sec. 18-58. – Release of impounded animals.

No animal or vehicle taken up and impounded under this chapter shall be released therefrom without payment of the full fee chargeable therefor.

(Code 1956, § 7-29)

Sec. 18-59. – Disposition of impounded animals.

Animals impounded shall be held for a period of three days for any owner to claim the animal, except dog(s) that at the time of impoundment are wearing a collar bearing a tag showing the name and address of its owner. Owner(s) of dog(s) bearing a collar with a tag shall receive written notice of the dog's impoundment and shall be allowed seven days from the date of the notice to reclaim the dog. All animals unredeemed after their respective hold periods shall become property of the Agency and disposition determined under 18-268.

Sec. 18-60. – Attempt to release animal unlawful.

Whoever shall attempt to rescue forcibly or by artifice any animal referred to in this chapter while such animal is being carried to the shelter or when in the shelter, or attack or interfere with the person conveying such animal to the shelter or in charge of the animal in the shelter shall be guilty of a violation of this Code.

Sec. 18-61. – Minimum standards for animal housing facilities.

All facilities with occupancy licenses issued by Orleans Parish for operating a kennel, animal shelter or housing facility for rescued animals, homeless or owned animals must meet or exceed the minimum standards established by Association of Shelter Veterinarians in the Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelter (2010) and any standards of veterinary care set forth in the City Code. The Agency is authorized to inspect these facilities. Failure to make modifications to meet the standards shall result in a fine of up to \$500 per day. The foregoing provisions shall not apply during an extreme weather advisory or emergency situation, or in the case of mass seizure or rescue of animals.

Sec. 18-62. – Owner liable for damages.

For any damage caused by any animal to private or public property, the owner of such animal shall be held responsible and liable for the repairs thereof.

(Code 1956, § 7-33)

Sec. 18- 63—18-85. – Reserved.

Article III. – Exhibitions and Displays

DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY

Sec. 18-86. – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Carnival means amusement activities, such as rides, merry-go-round, booths for the conduct of games of skill, food-dispensing facilities and sideshows. It does not include gaming devices, lotteries, punchboards or other activities not in violation of the Code.

Dangerous animal means animals other than domestic dogs and cats which in a wild state are carnivorous or which, because of their nature or physical makeup, are capable of inflicting serious physical harm or death to human beings, including but not limited to such animals which belong to the cat family, snakes which are poisonous or otherwise present a risk of serious physical harm or death to human beings as a result of their nature or physical makeup, including all constrictors; and all bears, wolverines, badgers, lions, tigers, alligators, crocodiles and other such animals as the director of the department of health shall determine by written rules to be dangerous.

Exhibitions means circuses, menageries, carnivals, sideshows and other similar amusement enterprises which are open to the public or for admission to which a fee is charged, a donation collected or registration required. Exhibitions include the retail events such as Home and Garden Show, neighborhood markets or festivals, reptile shows or other events where animals are featured for sale or adoption, viewing or competition.

Sec. 18-87. – Exceptions.

The provisions of this article shall not be construed to apply to zoological parks performing animal exhibitions properly licensed by the state of Louisiana or the City of New Orleans, circuses, veterinary clinics, bona fide education or medical institutions, or museums.

Permit, fee, and insurance is not required for exhibitions by 501(c)3 organizations registered with the Secretary of State of Louisiana; however, veterinary records must be maintained and on hand.

Sec. 18-88. – Penalties.

Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$500.00 or imprisonment for not

less than 30 days and not to exceed six months, or community service, or a combination of the foregoing, for each violation.

(Code 1956, § 7-17(h); M.C.S., Ord. No. 18,638, § 2, 3-5-98)

Sec. 18-89—18-110. – Reserved.

DIVISION 2. – PERMIT

Sec. 18-111. – Exhibition permit.

It shall be unlawful to conduct or operate within the city limits any animal exhibitions or carnivals involving *ferae naturae* or domestic animals in exhibitions which are open to the public without first securing a permit therefor from the City of New Orleans' department of finance, bureau of revenue, with the approval of the director of the department of health in accordance with rules and regulations as promulgated by the department of health.

Sec. 18-112. – Conditions for issuance of permit.

Prior to the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall furnish suitable evidence of his or her intention and ability to comply with the following conditions:

- (1) Maintenance of site, *i.e.*, keeping same clean, free of trash, animal waste, papers and other debris and litter and providing an adequate number of trash containers properly located.
- (2) Security to keep order and provide a safe environment for both the public and the animals.
- (3) Proof of compliance with safety and permit requirements for mechanical, structural and electrical and other hazards.
- (4) Proof of public liability insurance and bonding in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Sec. 18-113. – Permit fees.

Any person, organization or entity that wishes to hold an animal exhibition, circus or carnival in Orleans Parish must first obtain a permit from the City of New Orleans. Fees for these events are as follows:

- (1) For activities involving less than five animals, a 72-hour permit fee of \$150.00.
- (2) For activities involving more than five animals, a 72-hour permit fee of \$250.00

Permits may be renewed for each additional 72 hour period. Willful failure to comply with this section may result in a citation under 18-18(b).

Sec. 18-114—18-134. – Reserved.

DIVISION 3. – REGULATIONS

Sec. 18-135. – Application of division.

The prohibitions in this division apply to events and activities taking place on either public or private facilities or property and apply regardless of the purpose of the event or activities and irrespective of whether or not a fee is charged to spectators.

(Code 1956, § 7-17(ff))

Sec. 18-136. – Wild, exotic, etc., animals—Keeping prohibited.

No person shall keep or permit to be kept on his premises any wild, exotic, ferocious, dangerous or vicious animal for display or for exhibition purposes, whether gratuitously or for a fee, unless permitted by Federal and State laws.

Sec. 18-137. – Same—Fighting, harassing.

No person may sponsor, promote, or train an animal to participate in, or contribute to the involvement of an animal in, or attend as a spectator, any event or activity in which an animal:

- (1) engages in unnatural or generally repugnant behavior;
- (2) is wrestled or fought (such as bear wrestling, cockfighting and dog fighting);
- (3) is mentally or physically harassed;
- (4) is displayed in such a way that the animal is abused or stressed mentally or physically; or
- (5) is induced or encouraged to perform through the use of chemical, mechanical, electrical or manual devices in a manner that will cause or is likely to cause physical injury or suffering.

Sec. 18-138. – Maintenance of equipment.

All equipment used on performing animals under this division shall fit properly and be in good working condition.

(Code 1956, § 7-17(e))

Sec. 18-139. – Veterinary Records for animals in exhibitions.

Individuals corporations or organizations, showcasing animals for adoption, sale, competition, viewing or educational purposes must have a physical copy of vaccination records for all animals and provide this copy to the Agency upon request.

Sec. 18-140—18-165. – Reserved.

Article IV. – Rabies Control

Sec. 18-166. – Impoundment of animals suspected of rabies.

The society, of its own authority or if ordered by the director, shall impound any animal suspected of being infected with rabies. The disposition of any animal so suspected and impounded shall be at the discretion of the director. The society shall be responsible for informing the director of any animal so impounded.

(Code 1956, § 7-34)

Sec. 18-167. – Impoundment of animal which bites a person, etc.

(a) The Agency, of its own authority or if ordered by the director, shall impound or cause to be impounded or confined any dog or other animal that has bitten a human being within the city, for a period of at least ten days, for quarantine at an approved rabies quarantine facility.

(b) The Agency, of its own authority or if ordered by the director, may extend the length of the quarantine period.

(c) The Agency shall be responsible for informing the director of all incidents in which a human being has been bitten by an animal.

(d) At the discretion of the Agency or the director, any dog so impounded and determined to have a current vaccination against rabies may be released to the custody of its owners, or keeper or custodian for the duration of the quarantine period if it was not in violation of any other local ordinances or state or federal laws. The Agency may inspect the property to ensure the owner is able to maintain the quarantined animal safely for a \$25 inspection fee payable to the Agency. The owner may quarantine the animal at a private veterinary clinic at the owner's expense. The owner, keeper or custodian shall provide the Agency with a signed certification from a Louisiana licensed veterinarian certifying that "no signs of rabies were observed" which cannot be issued until after the ten day quarantine period. The owner must provide the signed certification to the Agency within 48 hours of its issuance by the veterinarian. The owner, keeper or custodian of any dog so released is not to consider the quarantine period concluded until notified by the director of the Agency.

Sec. 18-168. – Dogs and cats to be vaccinated.

The owner or keeper of every dog or cat between three and four months old shall, at his expense, have such dog or cat vaccinated by a Louisiana-licensed veterinarian with rabies vaccine. Twelve months later, the animal shall be revaccinated. Thereafter, such dog or cat

shall be revaccinated every 36 months by a licensed Louisiana veterinarian, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the director. The veterinarian must provide the owner the date when the dog or cat must be revaccinated.

Sec. 18-169. – Rabies vaccination required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, maintain, harbor or possess any dog or cat in the city unless such dog or cat, if it is over four months old, is vaccinated with rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian and a tag evidencing such vaccination is affixed to the collar or harness as provided in section 18-228. For their safety, ear-tipped cats who have been vaccinated against rabies are not required to wear the license tag on a collar and are exempted from this requirement.

Sec. 18-170. – Proof of rabies vaccination.

Upon request of the director or the Agency, the owner, or keeper of any dog or cat must furnish evidence as required in section 18-230 that such dog or cat has been vaccinated by a licensed Louisiana veterinarian and is current on its vaccination against rabies as required in section 18-168.

Sec. 18-171. – Possession of Rabies Vaccination

Rabies vaccination may only be distributed by, harbored by and administered by a Louisiana-licensed veterinarian. The transportation of the vaccine to and from a veterinarian by a licensed pharmaceutical vendor or the Agency is exempt.

Sec. 18-172. – Bite to a Person's Head or Neck

If a dog bites a person on the head or neck and the owner has no record of the dog ever being vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian, the dog may be euthanized immediately and a tissue sample sent to the State of Louisiana for testing.

Sec. 18-173—18-200. – Reserved.

Article V. – Dogs and Cats

DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY

Sec. 18-201. – Cats passing through city or exhibited at animal shows.

None of the provisions of this article shall apply to cats owned by nonresidents passing through the city or cats brought to the city and entered for exhibition at any animal show, except as provided in this article.

(Code 1956, § 7-53.15)

Sec. 18-202. – Cats or dogs brought from other places.

(a) Any person may bring or cause to be brought any cat or dog into the city from outside the city and, if such cat or dog is vaccinated under the laws from the place from which he is brought, such person may keep such cat or dog in the city for a period not exceeding 30 days without getting a rabies license for it under this division from a Louisiana licensed veterinarian.

(b) Any cat or dog brought into Orleans Parish from outside the State of Louisiana must have a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian from the state from which they came, issued no more than 30 days prior to arrival in Louisiana, certifying that the animal is free from contagious diseases. Certification shall be file with the Agency within 10 days of arrival in the City of New Orleans.

- (1) For dogs, this means the dog has been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvo virus, parainfluenza, and bordatella.

- (2) For cats, this means the cat has been vaccinated for rabies, rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall result in a violation of no less than \$100 per animal.

Sec. 18-203—18-225. – Reserved.

DIVISION 2. – LICENSING

Sec. 18-226. – Use of proceeds.

Proceeds from the fees set forth in this division shall be used for the support of animal control activities within the city.

(Code 1956, § 7-40.1)

Sec. 18-227. – Annual issuance of city dog or cat licenses by licensed veterinarians.

To assist in the control of rabies and the enforcement of this article, each licensed veterinarian shall issue to the owner or keeper of any dog or cat an annual municipal dog or cat license tag on which shall appear the license number assigned to that dog or cat. Such dog or cat license tag shall be issued with proof of rabies vaccine as specified in Section 18-168.

Sec. 18-228. – Collection of license tag fee by licensed veterinarian; remittance to city.

Upon annual issuance of the municipal dog or cat license tag, each licensed veterinarian issuing such a license tag shall, and are so authorized to, collect as the agent of and on behalf of and for remittance to the city an annual dog or cat license tag fee as follows:

- (1) Annual dog/cat license fee (spayed or neutered animals) - \$9.00 plus \$1.00 administrative fee, totaling \$10.00.
- (2) Annual dog/cat license fee (un-spayed or un-neutered animals) - \$13.00 plus \$1.00 administrative fee, totaling \$14.00.
- (3) Replacement tag (proof of vaccination required) - \$8.00 plus \$1.00 administrative fee totaling \$9.00.

The administrative fee is to be retained by the veterinary clinic collecting and submitting the licensing fees.

Sec. 18-229. – Annual vaccination drive.

During any organized rabies vaccination drive, as such is ordered or authorized by the director and is conducted on a city-wide basis, the fee for the required rabies license shall be \$3.00.

(Code 1956, § 7-41.1)

Sec. 18-230. – Remittance of tag fee together with registration papers.

The annual municipal dog or cat license tag fee authorized and required to be collected under section 8-227, exclusive of the administrative fee, shall be remitted by each veterinarian to the city for deposit into the rabies license fund, through the director of the department of finance or his designee, together with dog or cat registration papers which shall include a description of the animal to which they pertain, the date of the administration of the rabies vaccination, the name and address of the owner, or keeper of the dog or cat and the notation that annual license tag fees shall be due annually, such registration papers to be in a format prescribed by the director after consultation with the director of the department of finance. The monies that are placed in this fund shall be dedicated for the Agency for its use and benefit for providing animal control services for the city.

Sec. 18-231. – Notice to be provided.

- (a) At least 15 days prior to the expiration of the annual license, the director may forward to the registered animal owner notice that the

annual license fee is due and payable together with a receipt card by which the registered owner may prove payment, only after obtaining the signature of the licensed veterinarian administering the rabies vaccination or documenting that the vaccination is current and collecting the annual fee for remittance to the city.

- (b) The director or his designee may forward a delinquent notice 30 days after the annual anniversary of the license. Such notice may state that annual and late fees are due and payable.

- (c) The director or his designee may forward a registered letter 90 days after the annual license. Such registered letter may restate annual and late fees due and shall advise the registered owner that fees are due and may advise the registered owner that failure to remit same within 15 days shall constitute a violation of a public health and environmental ordinance, subject to civil administrative adjudication pursuant to chapter 6.

- (d) Failure to receive notice shall not relieve the animal owner of the obligations under this article.

- (e) Whoever fails to comply with the provisions of this division shall be liable, in addition to the fee, for a penalty of \$10.00 collectable by the veterinarian at the time the new license is issued.

Sec. 18-232. – Fees remitted by 20th day of each month.

All applicable fees collected by licensed veterinarians shall be remitted by each veterinarian to the rabies license fund, through the director of the department of finance or his designee, together with the registration papers contemplated by sections 18-228 and 18-230 herein, not later than the 20th day of each month following the month in which the fees are collected.

Sec. 18-233. – Responsibility of licensed veterinarian to assist owner in the preparation of registration papers.

The Louisiana-licensed veterinarian administering rabies vaccinations, issuing dog or cat municipal license tags, and collecting and remitting annual license tag fees shall assist the dog or cat owner or keeper in the preparation of the dog or cat rabies license registration papers described in section 18-230 and shall advise such owner, or keeper of his obligation to renew the municipal license tag annually.

Sec. 18-234. – License fee renewal obligation.

The director or his designee shall file all dog or cat registration papers received by the city and shall make such provisions as are necessary to notify owners or keepers of registered dogs or cats that license renewal fees of \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs or cats and \$14.00 for un-spayed or un-neutered dogs and cats are due on every annual anniversary of the administration of the rabies vaccination or issuance of the municipal dog or cat license tag.

Sec. 18-235. – Repealed.

Sec. 18-236. – Veterinarians to comply with provisions of sections 18-227 through 18-234.

Licensed veterinarians practicing within the city shall comply with all provisions of sections 18-227 through 18-234. Willful failure to comply with this section may result in a citation under Section 18-18(b) and may result in loss of occupational license.

Sec. 18-237. – Reserved.

Sec. 18-238. – Duplicate tags prohibited.

No person shall knowingly reproduce or counterfeit a license tag without the authorization of the director or knowingly place or cause to be placed upon any dog or cat a license tag bearing a spurious license number or any license number other than the license number assigned pursuant to this article to that particular dog or cat.

(Code 1956, § 7-43.5)

Sec. 18-239. – Additional fees.

The director may authorize the manufacture and issuance of personalized license tags, showing the name and address of the owner or another brief message, in addition to the license number. The owner or keeper who chooses a personalized license tag or who requests a replacement of the same shall be liable to pay a personalization fee in the amount of \$2.00 plus the unit cost of acquisition of the personalized tags, as determined by the director, which shall be in addition to all other fees required by this chapter including the regular license fee. The personalization fee shall be paid each time a personalized tag is issued or replaced, but thereafter the annual renewal fees shall be paid at the standard rate. The veterinarian shall remit the personalized tag fee at the same time and in the same manner as the annual license fee.

Sec. 18-240. – Agency to pay for tags if owner unable or blind.

If the keeper or owner certifies his inability to pay the cost of licensing and/or vaccination, the Agency may, at its discretion, have rabies vaccinations effected by a licensed veterinarian under its supervision and obtain a certificate of such vaccination and issue the license and vaccination tags, without cost.

Sec. 18-241. – Counterfeiting or improper use of tags.

No person shall:

- (1) Counterfeit or imitate the license or vaccination tags as provided for in this division;
- (2) Put on a dog or cat any such counterfeit or imitation tag; or
- (3) Use such a tag on a dog or cat for which it was not issued.

(Code 1956, §§ 7-45, 7-53.9)

Sec. 18-242. – Improper removal of tag.

No person shall maliciously or wantonly remove or cause to be removed, directly or indirectly, any tag from the dog or cat of another person.

(Code 1956, §§ 7-46, 7-53.10)

Sec. 18-243—18-265. – Reserved.**DIVISION 3. – IMPOUNDMENT****Sec. 18-266. – Authorized.**

Should any dog or cat be found in the city in violation of any of the provisions of this article, the agents of the society may take the necessary steps to apprehend it, and any owner or keeper of a dog or cat or occupant of any premises who refuses to deliver for inspection any such dog or cat suspected of being in violation of any of the provisions of this article upon the demand of any such agent shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 18-267. – Use of vehicles.

The Agency may patrol the streets of the city with proper and suitable vehicles, employ proper agents and perform all such acts as may be necessary to catch efficiently and impound any dog or cat which may be found in the streets, parks or public places of the city not bearing the license and vaccination tag provided for in this article.

Sec. 18-268. – Disposition.

(a) The Agency, after seizing and impounding a dog or cat bearing a collar and tag showing the name and address of the owner shall retain it for a period of seven days. The Agency shall scan every dog or cat for a microchip and attempt to contact the owner if the microchip is located and the owner's information is registered. If such dog or cat is not claimed within the specified time period, the Agency may place it with any suitable person, with full ownership to such dog or cat being vested in the person selected. Any person claiming a dog or cat seized by the Agency under the provisions of this division and proving

ownership thereof shall be entitled to possession of such dog or cat upon procuring a license for such dog or cat as provided in this division, having such dog or cat vaccinated, or exhibiting a certificate of a licensed veterinarian that such dog or cat has been vaccinated with rabies vaccine, having a microchip implanted, paying the Agency the sum for keeping and feeding as stipulated in section 18-56 and meeting all housing requirements.

(b) The Agency shall have the right and authority to euthanize unowned animals it determines are unsuitable as pets after the hold period has expired. Suitability shall be determined by the Agency.

Sec. 18-269. – Shelter and records.

The Agency shall maintain a proper shelter for all animals seized by it, shall keep proper records in which shall be registered each animal brought to its shelter, a brief description of it, by whom brought, where secured, the time of its being released, to whom released or destroyed and the amount of fees received. Such records shall be open at all reasonable times for public inspection. The Agency shall make out and furnish monthly to the director of the department of finance a detailed statement of: (1) the amount of fees received, and (2) the number of animals, according to species, adopted, reclaimed or euthanized by the Agency in a month.

Sec. 18-270—18-290. – Reserved.**DIVISION 4. – POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS, DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS DOGS****Sec. 18-291. – Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Minor Injury means any physical injury stemming from a bite that results in a superficial wound as a scratch, laceration, bruise, or minor tissue swelling; a wound that does not require hospitalization, sutures or urgent medical treatment; or significant damage to any item closely connected to the victim's body, such as clothing or an item that is held in their hand.

Moderate Injury means any physical injury that results in a puncture wound or deep laceration requiring sutures, but that does not result in temporary or permanent disfigurement, permanent pain, or risk of death.

Provocation means the act of exciting, stimulating, irritating, enraging or arousing a dog to the point of aggression. This includes, but is not limited to, biting or approaching the dog in a menacing fashion. An unauthorized intruder or a wild or domestic animal shall be deemed to have provoked a dog by the act of entering the owner's apartment, house, business, or enclosed premises not normally accessible to the public.

Severe injury means any physical injury that results in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery. Severe injury to a person includes any of the following:

- (1) A physical condition serious enough to require hospitalization or prolonged treatment;
- (2) Physical harm involving a substantial risk of death;
- (3) Physical harm involving partial permanent incapacity or total permanent incapacity;
- (4) Physical harm causing permanent disfigurement;
- (5) Physical harm causing acute pain lasting long enough to result in substantial suffering or causing any degree of prolonged incurable pain; or
- (6) Moderate injury over more than 1 part of the body.

Unauthorized Intruder means any person who enters a dog owner's apartment, house, business, or enclosed premises not normally accessible to the public with the knowledge that they do not have the dog owner's permission to do so.

Sec. 18-292. – Determination of potentially dangerous or dangerous characteristics.

(a) Any dog may be deemed “potentially dangerous” if it commits any of the following acts when unprovoked:

- (1) The dog bites a human being, except an unauthorized intruder, resulting in a minor or moderate injury;
- (2) The dog bites a domestic animal resulting in moderate injury; or
- (3) The dog chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or public grounds in a terrorizing or menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack.

The designation of “potentially dangerous” shall expire 36 months after the classification if the dog has not committed any of the above-listed acts during that time.

(b) A dog may be deemed “dangerous” if it commits any of the following acts when unprovoked:

- (1) The dog bites a human being, except an unauthorized intruder, resulting in a moderate or severe injury; or
- (2) The dog causes severe injury to any domestic animal.

(c) A dog shall be deemed “dangerous” if it commits any of the following acts while unprovoked:

- (1) The dog kills any domestic animal; or
- (2) The dog is already classified as “potentially dangerous” and commits any of the acts enumerated in Section 18-292 (a).

No dangerous dog shall be given away, adopted or sold without the permission of the Agency and notice to the receiving owner of the dangerous designation.

Sec. 18-293. – Vicious Dogs.

(a) No person shall keep or permit to be kept within Orleans Parish any vicious dog.

(b) A dog may be deemed “vicious” if, when unprovoked, it bites a human being, other than an unauthorized intruder, resulting in a severe injury.

(c) A dog shall be deemed “vicious” if, when unprovoked, it:

- (1) Kills any person; or
- (2) Is already classified as a “dangerous” dog and commits any of the acts enumerated in Section 18-292(b) or (c).

Sec. 18-294. – Responsibility for classification.

(a) A hearing shall be conducted in the municipal court for the purpose of determining the classification of a dog as potentially dangerous, dangerous or vicious based upon all evidence introduced at hearing, including investigative reports and recommendations submitted by the Agency. The burden of proof for all classifications shall rest with the Agency and shall be by a preponderance of evidence.

(b) The presiding judge shall consider the nature of the attack and the extent and severity of any injuries sustained as a result in making the determination of classification. The judge shall not base the determination on the breed of the dog.

Sec. 18-295. – Provocation.

The provisions of this division shall not apply to any dog which was provoked.

Sec. 18-296. – Proper handling of a potentially dangerous dog.

(a) A potentially dangerous dog must be under the supervision and control of an owner over 16 years old when off the owner’s property.

(b) The dog can only be walked with a secure collar and a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length. The dog may not be taken to any public or private dog parks.

(c) Based on the size and behavior of the dog, the owner may be required to muzzle the dog when it is on public property or those areas of private property that are unfenced and normally accessible to the public. The muzzle shall not injure the dog nor interfere with its vision or respiration.

(d) The dog must be spayed or neutered and micro-chipped, at the owner’s expense, prior to being returned to the owner unless it is certified as unfit for surgery with documentation provided by a Louisiana Licensed veterinarian with a specific diagnosis.

(e) The dog must be evaluated by a board certified veterinary behaviorist, certified animal behaviorist or recognized expert and must successfully complete training and any other treatment deemed necessary at the owner’s expense.

Sec. 18-297. – Proper enclosure and requirements for keeping a dangerous dog.

(a) While on the owner’s property, a dangerous dog shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such an outdoor pen or structure shall have a sealed cement floor and be surrounded by a chain link fence that is anchored to the cement slab. The pen must also have a chain link top that is securely fastened to the top of the pen. The top must also have a solid cover to protect the animal from the elements and a dog house of proper size within the enclosure. The outdoor enclosure size will be determined by the size of the dog or dogs being housed and must be reviewed and approved by the Agency.

(b) The director, after reviewing the circumstances associated with each situation, shall make a determination as to whether the enclosure meets its requirements. Such enclosure must assure the safety of the public as well as confinement of the dog in a humane, sanitary and healthful environment.

(c) Indoor confinement is a room that is secured by a deadbolt lock to which owner has a key. The dog must remain in this room and it must remain locked when anyone is entering or exiting the house or when someone outside of immediate family is inside the house. The room size will be determined by the size of the dog or dogs being housed and must be reviewed and approved by the Agency.

(d) The dog must not be walked in public parks, public or private dog parks, on public sidewalks or any areas outside of the owner’s property except to go to the veterinarian. The dog shall be muzzled in a manner that prevents the dog from biting but shall not injure the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration and shall be in the direct control of the owner over 16 years old with a secure collar and leash no longer than 6 feet in length when traveling to or from the veterinarian.

(e) The dog must be spayed or neutered and micro-chipped prior to being returned to the owner at the owner’s expense unless it is certified as unfit for surgery with documentation provided by a Louisiana Licensed veterinarian with a specific diagnosis.

(f) The dog must be evaluated by a board certified veterinary behaviorist, certified animal behaviorist or recognized expert and must successfully complete training and any other treatment as deemed by the expert at the owner’s expense.

(g) The owner shall pay all documented medical damages adjudicated to be owed by a court of law to the victim. If the owner is unable to pay for the damages, the dog shall become the property of the Agency.

(h) The Agency shall be notified by the owner if owner is moving the dog to new housing. The Agency shall perform Dangerous Dog housing inspection at the new residence if within Orleans Parish.

(i) A dog that has been deemed dangerous in another parish or state, must register with the Agency and meet the same requirements listed above. A dog that has been deemed vicious in another parish or state may not be housed in Orleans Parish, provided that the determination of viciousness was based, at least in part, on factor(s) other than the breed of the dog.

(j) A sign indicating that a dangerous dog is housed must be visible from the street and affixed to the exterior fence or on the front door if no fence is available. The sign must be at least 8" x 11" with letters no smaller than 3 inches high.

(k) The owner shall pay an annual \$100 fee to the Agency for the inspection of compliance with these requirements.

(l) No more than two dogs may be kept on a property if either or both of the dogs have been deemed dangerous.

Sec. 18-298. – Required Reporting

(a) Any person who knows or has reason to know that a dog has bitten or inflicted serious bodily injury to a human, and who intentionally harbors or conceals that dog from the Agency, shall be fined no less than \$100.

(b) Any health care provider who examines or treats any person who has been bitten by a dog or upon whom a dog has inflicted serious bodily injury shall report such bite or injury to the Agency. Such a report shall be made immediately, if possible, and in any event shall be made within twenty-four hours of examining the patient. The report shall include as much of the following information as is available:

- (1) The patient's name, date of birth, sex, and current home and work address;
- (2) The nature of the bite or injury that is the subject of the report;
- (3) Any information about the location of the biting animal and the name and address of any known owner; and
- (4) The name and address of the health care provider.

Sec. 18-299. – Dogs seized because of dog fighting.

(a) A dog that is seized in connection with a charge of dog fighting against its owner or keeper may be rehomed by the Agency or a rescue group only under the following circumstances. All of the foregoing requirements must be met prior to the transfer of legal possession of the dog to the new owner or keeper.

- (1) The Agency or rescue group must have acquired legal possession of the dog;
- (2) The dog must be sterilized and microchipped at the expense of the Agency, new owner or rescue group;
- (3) The dog must be evaluated by a certified applied behaviorist, board certified veterinary behaviorist, certified animal behaviorist, licensed veterinarian with demonstrable experience with abused or fighting dogs, or other recognized animal behavior expert at the owner's or rescue group's expense. The evaluator shall complete a report detailing the specific animal behavior test(s) that were administered as part of the evaluation and the results of those tests.
 - (a) The evaluator's report shall include any recommendations for additional training, testing or other treatment deemed necessary by the evaluator, and shall specify whether said training, testing or other treatment should be completed prior to transfer of the dog to the new owner or keeper. In the event that the evaluator recommends additional testing, training or other treatment prior to transfer of the dog, all such testing, training or other treatment shall be completed at the Agency's, rescue group's or new owner's or keeper's expense before the new owner or keeper takes possession of the dog.
 - (b) The evaluator's report shall include any recommendations for conditions of rehoming the dog, such as a recommendation that the dog not be placed in a home where another dog or a child already resides. Under no circumstances shall a dog be placed in a

home in contravention of the recommendation(s) of the evaluator; and

(4) The adopting owner must be given notice that the dog was seized in connection with a charge of dog fighting, and be given notice of any and all recommendations included in evaluator's report, and be provided with a copy of the full report.

(b) Any owner or keeper of a dog that was seized in connection with a charge of dog fighting against the dog's previous owner or keeper shall adhere to the following requirements at all times:

- (1) The dog must be under the supervision and control of a person over 16 years old when off the owner's or keeper's property;
- (2) The dog must be walked with a secure collar, and a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length when off the owner's or keeper's property;
- (3) The dog may not be taken to designated dog parks.

The above-listed requirements shall expire 18 months after seizure of the dog or upon a finding of not guilty or dismissal of the dog fighting charge(s) against the dog's previous owner or keeper.

Sec. 18-300—18-304. – Reserved.

DIVISION 5. – SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF DOGS

Sec. 18-305. – Definitions.

- (a) *Intact* is defined as an animal that has not been surgically spayed or neutered by a licensed veterinarian.
- (b) *Violation* is defined as each separate instance when the owner or keeper (as defined in section 18-1) is cited for being in violation of any part of the provisions of this division.

Fines are issued per dog, not per owner or keeper.

Sec. 18-306. – Spaying and neutering requirements.

Owner or keepers must spay or neuter all dogs over six months old. Owner or keeper may obtain an intact dog permit if the owner or keeper intends to keep the animal intact. Proof of spay/neuter or of intact dog permit must be provided by the owner or keeper when requested by the society.

(M.C.S., Ord. No. 23970, § 1, 5-6-10)

Sec. 18-307. – Exceptions.

No person may own, keep, or harbor any dog within the city that has not been spayed or neutered unless:

- (a) The dog is under six months of age;
- (b) A licensed veterinarian certifies that the dog should not be spayed or neutered for a specific reason. The certificate must list the veterinarian's license number and the date by which the dog can be spayed or neutered. Within 30 days of the effective date of this division, or within 30 days of taking possession or ownership of an intact dog, the owner or keeper must submit written documentation which can be verified by the Agency and the owner or keeper must apply for and obtain an intact dog permit.
- (c) The dog has been present in the city for less than 30 days;
- (d) The owner or keeper has obtained, or has submitted, an application for an intact dog permit in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;
- (e) The dog is used by a government or law enforcement agency or an agent thereof for government, search and rescue, law enforcement, or other government purposes.

Sec. 18-308. – Requiring an intact dog permit.

No person shall harbor or keep any intact dog within the city without first obtaining a permit as provided in this chapter.

(M.C.S., Ord. No. 23970, § 1, 5-6-10)

Sec. 18-309. – Granting or denying a permit.

The Agency maintains the right to grant or deny an intact dog permit. However, an aggrieved owner has the right to appeal a decision of the Agency to the city council within 30 days of the decision.

- (a) *Permit nontransferable.* - The Agency shall issue to the owner or keeper of any dog a nontransferable permit that expires annually.
- (b) *Multiple owners.* - If more than one owner or keeper is involved in the breeding process, each party must be listed on the application for an intact dog permit.
- (c) *Individual permits.* – The permit shall be applied for and issued to each dog individually.
- (d) *Permit requirements.* - The permit may be applied for from the Agency if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The owner or keeper has submitted the appropriate forms and fees required by the Agency in order to seek consideration for an intact dog permit including, but not limited to, a written description of the dog, proof of current vaccinations administered by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian, and photograph of the dog.
- (2) The dog has been microchipped and the registered microchip number is included on the application.
- (3) The owner can provide proof of current vaccinations for rabies, distemper and parvo virus.
- (4) Owners or keepers shall not allow female dogs to breed before 18 months of age or to have more than one litter per year.
- (5) The intact permit number must be displayed when advertising the puppies for sale or adoption.
- (6) No animal under six weeks old may be sold, adopted or given away.
- (7) Upon approval of his/her application, the applicant must pay the initial \$75.00 permit application fee plus the \$20.00 annual permit fee. The annual intact permit renewal fee will be \$20.00, due and payable at the end of the 12 month period.

(e) *Permit denial.* At the Agency's discretion, the permit may be denied if one or more of the following occur and have not been corrected and brought into compliance within ten days of notification of noncompliance:

- (1) The applicant fails to pay the permit fee within two weeks of notification that the application has been approved. If the owner or keeper does not provide payment, the owner or keeper will be cited in violation of this chapter, and all fines and penalties will be applied.
- (2) The applicant has failed to meet all permit requirements listed in subsections (d)(1) through (4).
- (3) The applicant has been cited for allowing dogs to roam at large, been found to be guilty of cruelty, has had his/her dog identified as dangerous or vicious; or has been determined within the past 12 months to have violated any provisions of chapter 18.

Sec. 18-310. – Delinquency.

- (a) When a permit is more than 30 days delinquent, the society shall forward the name, address and vital information of the owner or keeper to the city health department and issue a citation.
- (b) Failure to receive notice shall not relieve the animal owner or keeper of the obligations under this article [division].

Sec. 18-311. – Fines for failure to comply with permit requirements.

(a) A violation of this division 5 shall be an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 per dog for the first violation, a fine not to exceed \$250.00 per dog upon a second violation, and impoundment along with a fine not to exceed \$500.00 per dog upon the third and subsequent violations.

(b) If, after 15 days of a first citation, the owner or keeper fails to provide proof of a permit or proof of having the dog spayed/neutered, the owner/keeper shall be cited for an additional violation.

(c) If the dog is impounded for a third or subsequent violation, the owner or keeper must pay the surgery deposit to the Agency or obtain an intact dog permit within ten days of impoundment or the owner or keeper shall relinquish the dog(s) to the Agency for disposition.

(d) If a permit is not renewed on time, a \$10.00 per day late fee will be assessed in addition to the renewal fee. If the permit is not renewed within 15 days of the annual expiration, a first violation shall be issued.

(e) In the event that the Agency determines that payment of any fees by the owner or keeper of the impounded dog would cause extreme financial difficulty to the owner or keeper, the Agency may waive all or any portion of the fees assessed for compliance with this section.

Sec. 18-312. – Duplicate permits prohibited.

No person shall knowingly reproduce or counterfeit an intact dog permit or issue the permit to a dog other than the dog for whom the permit application was made and the permit number assigned pursuant to this article without the express authorization of the Agency. Any person who is found to be in possession of a counterfeit intact dog permit will be in violation of this chapter and shall be issued a citation in accordance with section 18-311.

No person shall counterfeit a veterinary certification. Any person who is found to be in possession of a counterfeit veterinary certification shall be in violation of this chapter and shall be issued a citation in accordance with section 18-353.

Sec. 18-313. – Use of proceeds.

Proceeds from the fees and fines set forth in this division shall be used to support animal control activities within the city.

(M.C.S., Ord. No. 23970, § 1, 5-6-10)

Sec. 18-314—18-325. – Reserved.**Article VI. – Livestock and Fowl and Other Birds****Sec. 18-326. – Humane treatment.**

Stores, shops, vendors and others offering chicks, ducklings, goslings or other live creatures for sale, raffle or as a prize, premium or advertising device or displaying chicks, ducklings or goslings or other live creatures shall provide the necessary brooders or other heating devices and shall see that such creatures shall not be overcrowded, and shall keep adequate food and water available at all times. Vendors or other persons selling any live creature shall furnish to the purchaser an instruction sheet for the proper care of same.

(Code 1956, § 7-7)

Sec. 18-327. – Sale of chicks, ducklings and goslings and other fowl.

- (a) The sale or donation of chicks, ducklings and goslings and other fowl younger than four weeks of age is prohibited except in quantities of 12 to an individual.
- (b) The auctioning, raffling or giving away as a prize, premium or advertising device of any fowl, chick, duckling or gosling and other fowl

for the purpose of inducing trade or business or competition at public or private events is prohibited.

(Code 1956, § 7-8)

Sec. 18-328. – Cattle not to be driven through streets.

It is hereby made an offense to drive, or to attempt to drive, through the streets of the city, cattle which arrive in the city either by boat, truck or by railroad.

Sec. 18-329. – Authority of director.

The director may adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the keeping of hogs within the city and issue annual permits therefor to such persons as may be found, after proper inspection and investigation, to have conformed strictly to such rules and regulations.

(Code 1956, § 7-56)

Sec. 18-330. – Keeping of hogs prohibited in certain areas.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a hog or to permit one to run at large within any of the following prescribed limits:

- (1) On the east bank of the Mississippi River, anywhere except in the following described area:

In any part of the Third Municipal District, bounded by the south property line of Old Gentilly Road from its intersection with the west property line of Arpent Lot 74 and extending in an easterly direction to the western boundary line of Paris Road (Louisiana Highway 61) thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of Paris Road (Louisiana Highway 61) to the existing intracoastal waterway, thence along such waterway in a westerly direction to a point of intersection with the western boundary of Arpent Lot 74, as projected, thence in a northerly direction to the Old Gentilly Road and the point of beginning.

- (2) In the Fifth Municipal District (Algiers), anywhere except in the portion lying east of intracoastal canal, alternate route and bounded by intracoastal canal, alternate route, Mississippi River and the Orleans-Plaquemines Parish line.

(Code 1956, § 7-54)

Sec. 18-331. – Hogs may be kept only under satisfactory conditions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a hog on any premises except under conditions satisfactory to the director.

(Code 1956, § 7-55)

Sec. 18-332. – Treatment and removal of manure.

(a) Any person, whether as owner or occupant, having or permitting on his premises less than six horses, mules, cows or other animals shall remove or cause to be removed daily all manure and straw, hay or similar material used for bedding and contaminated with manure or urine from the stalls, barns and other areas occupied by such animals, which matter shall be stored in leakproof containers have solid metal covers, tightly fitted so as to render the contents thereof inaccessible to flies. All such stored matter shall be removed from such premises not less than twice weekly from March 15 to December 1 and not less than once each week from December first to March 15.

(b) Any person, whether as owner or occupant, having or permitting on his premises more than five horses, mules, cows or other animals shall remove or cause to be removed daily all manure and straw, hay or similar material used for bedding and contaminated with manure or urine from the stalls, barns and other areas occupied by such animals, which matter shall be stored either in leakproof containers having solid metal covers, tightly fitted so as to render the contents thereof inaccessible to flies, or in leakproof containers the bottoms of which

shall be treated daily with a chemical or chemicals approved by the health department, the contents of which containers and the areas surrounding such containers within the distance of not less than 20 feet from all outside walls of such containers shall be sprayed daily with a fly-deterrent chemical or chemicals approved by the health department. All such containers shall be emptied, and the contents thereof shall be removed from the premises daily. The area in and around all barns and stables housing such animals shall be sprayed not less than once each week with a fly-deterrent chemical or chemicals approved by the health department.

(c) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day any person continues to violate any provision of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

(Code 1956, § 29-60)

Sec. 18-333. – Use of manure as fertilizer.

From June 1 to October 1 manure shall not be used as a fertilizer on gardens, sidewalks, lots or other open areas unless and until thoroughly mixed with soil and so covered with soil that flies will not be attracted thereto.

(Code 1956, § 29-61)

Sec. 18-334. – Dumping or storing manure.

No manure shall be dumped and left on the street, sidewalk, alley or open area or lot in any inhabited section nor be used to grade, in whole or in part, any sidewalk, street, alley, open area or lot in any such section. Any site used as a public dump for manure shall not be within 300 feet of any building used in whole or in part for dwelling purposes.

(Code 1956, § 29-62)

Sec. 18-335. – Conveying manure through the streets.

Manure shall be conveyed through the streets of the city in such vehicles only as are properly protected against flies by suitable covering.

(Code 1956, § 29-63)

Sec. 18-336. – Manure stacked for fertilizing purposes.

All manure stacked or piled for fertilizing purposes, on any truck farm or garden in a thickly settled neighborhood shall be so stacked or piled at a distance of not less than 25 feet from any building used, in whole or in part, for dwelling purposes and shall be stored in a closed bin or screened receptacle so as to prevent access of flies thereto.

(Code 1956, § 29-64)

Sec. 18-337. – Agent responsible in owner's absence.

Wherever any duty is put upon the owner of any premises, stable, lot, open area or public place, in this article, in the owner's absence, the agent of such owner shall comply with the provisions of this article and for the purposes thereof any person receiving or collecting rent or attending to such property in any manner shall be deemed to be the agent of the owner.

(Code 1956, § 29-65)

Sec. 18-338. – Information to be filed by person keeping horses or mules.

Every person within the limits of the city, having one or more horses or mules housed or stabled within the city shall file with the Agency the following information:

- (a) Name of the owner;

- (b) Number and kind of animals housed or stabled on the premises;
- (c) Address of place (street and number) where the animals are stabled;
- (d) Proof of annual negative Coggins' test result;
- (e) Proof of annual vaccinations, including Eastern and Western Encephalitis, West Nile virus, and rabies; and;
- (f) Any other information as the department may deem necessary for the enforcement of proper sanitary regulations on the premises.

Such information shall also be required for equine exhibited or used for transportation in parades.

Sec. 18-339. – Pigeons not to be allowed at large.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or harboring pigeons to allow them to go at large within the city. But this section shall not be construed to prohibit the flying, racing or exercising of the Antwerp or homing pigeon at such time that such flying, racing or exercising shall be under the continuous personal supervision of a person or the agent of a person owning or harboring such Antwerp or homing pigeons.

(Code 1956, § 7-14)

Sec. 18-340. – Feeding birds in Jackson Square area.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to dispense or distribute feed for or to feed any bird or fowl or throw or place on the ground any bread, breadcrumbs, seed, bird food, popcorn, or similar food in the area bounded by Decatur Street, St. Peter Street, Royal Street and St. Ann Street in the Vieux Carre area of the city.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who is authorized in writing by the director of the department of health to feed or dispense to birds or fowl food or food containing birth control drugs or chemicals. Any informational signs placed in the aforementioned area in connection with the enforcement of this section shall be approved by the Vieux Carre Commission and the superintendent of the parkway and parks commission.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be enforced by summons. The fine for violations of the provisions of this section shall be a fine of not more than \$25.00. Upon discovery of a violation of this section, agents of the department of police or the Vieux Carre Commission shall issue a summons to the person found in violation of this section. The summons shall be returnable to the municipal court, where the defendant shall be served by affidavit.

(Code 1956, § 7-15.1)

Sec. 18-341. – Killing animals, birds or wild fowl in public squares, parks or designated bird sanctuaries prohibited.

(a) In any public square, park or designated bird sanctuary, it shall be unlawful for any person to molest or kill any bird, fowl or animal, to trap, hunt, shoot or attempt to shoot or molest in any manner any bird or wild fowl or to rob bird nests therein. Provided, however, if starlings or similar birds are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they constitute a nuisance or menace to health or property in the opinion of the director then in such event the director shall meet with representatives of the Audubon Agency, bird club, garden club or humane agency, or as many of such organizations as are found to exist in the city, after having given at least three days' actual notice of the time and place of such meeting to the representatives of such organizations. If as a result of such meeting, no satisfactory alternative is found to abate such nuisance, then such birds may be destroyed in such numbers and in such manner as is deemed advisable by the director.

(b) The entire area known as the Lake Vista Subdivision which is bounded by Robert E. Lee Boulevard, Marconi Drive, Lakeshore Drive and Beauregard Avenue is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(c) The entire area known as Joe W. Brown Park which is bounded by Read Road to the west, proposed Wright Road to the east, Lake

Forest Boulevard to the north, and Dwyer Road to the south, is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(d) The area known as Tall Timbers Subdivision which is bounded by General DeGaulle Drive, Woodland Drive, proposed Tullis Drive, and the drainage servitude canal which bounds Tall Timbers Subdivision to the west is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(e) That area bounded by Robert E. Lee Boulevard from West End Boulevard to the Outfall Canal and extending to Lake Pontchartrain on the north, known as East and West Lakeshore is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary and shall be called "Lakeshore Bird Sanctuary."

(f) The entire area known as the Village de L'est Subdivision which is bounded by Bayou Chef to the south, the Michot Line to the west, and North Lemans Street and Bayou Michoud to the north and the east, is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(g) The entire area known as Walnut Bend, which is bounded by the north side of MacArthur Boulevard, the Magellan Canal and General Collins Avenue on the west, the south side of General Meyer Avenue, and Kabel Drive on the east, is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(h) That area bounded by Downman Road, Crowder Boulevard, Morrison Road and Hayne Boulevard is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(i) That area bounded by a line from the intersection of the Maxent Canal and Interstate 10; south along Maxent Canal and Chef Menteur Highway; west along Chef Menteur Highway to Levee 33; northward along Levee 33, including Parcels 1-B and 11-E to the Michoud line; then in a northerly direction along the Michoud line to Interstate 10; easterly along Interstate 10 to the Maxent Canal; is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary and shall be called "New Orleans East Bird Sanctuary."

(j) That area bounded by Read Boulevard, I-10 Service Road East, Bullard Avenue and Lake Forest Boulevard is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(k) That area bounded by Poland Avenue, North Roman Street, Pauline Street and St. Claude Avenue is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(l) That area of neutral ground in Bullard Avenue bounded by Morrison Road and Wales Street is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(m) That area known as Longue Vue House and Gardens, which is bounded by Palmetto Street, I-10 Service Road West, Metairie Road and Bamboo Road, is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(n) That area known as Brechtel Park, which is bounded by Lennox Boulevard, Tullis Drive, Algiers Outfall Canal and Farrar Canal, is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.

(o) That area bounded by Robert E. Lee Boulevard from Bayou St. John to the London Avenue Outfall Canal and extending to Lake Pontchartrain north, known as Lake Terrace, is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary and shall be called "Lake Terrace Bird Sanctuary."