

DOGS

ARTICLE II. DOGS

Sec. 6-16. License required.

No dog shall be permitted to be, or remain in the city without being licensed.

Sec. 6-17. Registration required; fee; wearing of license required.

All dogs kept in the city shall be registered as to sex, breed, name and address of the owner and name of the dog. At the time of such registration, such owner shall obtain a license for such dog and shall pay a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each dog. It shall be the duty of said owner to cause such license tag to be surely attached around the dog's neck and kept there during the license period, which period shall be from July fifteenth to July fifteenth of the ensuing year.

Sec. 6-18. Running at large prohibited; leash and muzzle required.

No dog shall be permitted to run at large in the city, at any time; and it shall be the duty of the registered owner of every dog to keep same leashed and securely muzzled; except when the dog is penned and confined.

Sec. 6-19. Leaving unattended prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having in his custody or possession any dog, to permit or cause to permit such dog to be left unattended at any time, within the city.

Sec. 6-20. Noise restriction.

No person owning any dog shall suffer or permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by barking or making other loud or unusual noises.

**Cross reference – Animal noise declared nuisance (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15-2)*

Sec. 6-21. Vicious.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any dog that attempts to bite, has bitten or has tendencies to bite people. Any such dog that attempts to bite people or other dogs shall be considered a vicious dog, and any police officer may kill the same without impounding such dog or giving notice to the owner.

Sec. 6-22. Vaccination and tagging.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or allow to be kept on the premises occupied by anyone in the city, or to allow to run or go at large, within the city, any dog that has not been vaccinated for rabies by a duly licensed veterinarian at least one each twelve (12) months, which vaccination shall be evidenced by a metal tag attached to a collar worn by the dog.

Sec. 6-23. Certain behavior declared nuisance.

Any dog found in the city either without a license, without a vaccination tag as required by Section 6-22, or running at large is hereby declared a nuisance and shall be impounded without notice to the owner.

Secs. 6-24 – 6-30. Reserved

ARTICLE III. IMPOUNDMENT; REDEMPTION

Sec. 6-31. Fees; records.

The fees for redemption of impounded animals under this chapter shall be seven dollars (\$7.00). The actual expense necessary for feeding and caring for each animal shall be added at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per day after the day of impounding. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to enter upon a record kept for that purpose the date of impounding, a description of the dog impounded, and a record as to whether or not such dog has been licensed and tagged as herein required.

Public notice of the impounding of the animal shall be given by posting one copy of the description of the animal and abate of impounding at the pound and one copy of such notice on the bulletin board at city hall. Any animal not redeemed by the owner thereof within five (5) days after posting of such notice by the poundkeeper shall be and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The poundkeeper shall immediately thereafter kill or destroy such dog.

Sec. 6-32. Release or interference with impounded animal.

Any person who, after the impounding of any animal under any of the ordinances of the city, shall release or attempt to release or in any manner interfere with such animal, or with the safe keeping thereof until after such animal be released in accordance with the ordinances, shall on conviction, be punished by a fine as provided by section 1-8 of this Code.

Note: It shall be unlawful for any person to own or operate a kennel within the municipal limits of the City of Bushnell unless granted a special exception to do so.

Kennel: A kennel is defined in the Land Development Regulations as any place or premises where four (4) or more dogs over four (4) months in age and/or other specialty animals are kept for pay. This definition expressly excludes veterinary clinics without fixed exterior pens or runs.