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Chapter 6.04

ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS GENERALLY

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Section 6.04.010 Adoption of Chapter 4 of Code of Ordinances, Kings County California.

Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Kings County California, providing for the control, prevention and eradication of rabies; for the regulation and impounding of dogs; for the levying of a license tax on the ownership and/or possession of all dogs in said county; describing a penalty for the violation of any of its provisions; providing rules and regulations for the control of other types of animals, reptiles and fowl, and setting forth miscellaneous related rules and regulations adopted by the board of supervisors of the county by Ordinance No. 350, effective August 9, 1973, three copies of which are on file in the office of the city clerk, is adopted by reference by the city, and all of the provisions of said Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Kings County California shall be and remain in effect within the city. (Prior code § 6-1.101)

Section 6.04.020 Late licensing--Individuals.

Any person purchasing a dog license after the due date shall be charged a late licensing penalty which shall be one hundred (100) percent of the regular license fee, which penalty shall be in addition to the regular license fee. (Prior code § 6-1.102)

Section 6.04.030 Violations of licensing requirements.

Every person who counterfeits a dog license tag, or who attaches a license tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to any dog other than the one for which such tag was issued, or who obtains a dog license or dog kennel license and, in doing so, states as true any material matter which he knows to be false shall be guilty of an infraction. (Ord. 96-18 § 40, 1996: prior code § 6-1.103)

Section 6.04.040 Late licensing--Kennels.

Any person purchasing a kennel license after the due date shall be charged a late

licensing penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall be paid in addition to the regular kennel license fee. (Prior code § 6-1.104)

Section 6.04.050 Violations of isolation requirements.

Every person who, after requesting and obtaining approval for the keeping of a biting animal confined and isolated upon his private premises, as provided in Section 25 of Ordinance 350 of the county of Kings, effective August 9, 1973, fails for any reason whatsoever to keep such animal continuously confined and isolated upon his premises, either indoors or inside some enclosure, for a period of ten days after the day such written request is presented to the county health officer, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction. Any such animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, not continuously confined and isolated as required in this Article, shall be taken up forthwith by the animal control officer and isolated as provided in Section 22 of Ordinance 350. (Ord. 96-18 § 41, 1996: prior code § 6-1.105)

Section 6.04.060 Leash law.

It is unlawful for any person to permit any dog owned, harbored or controlled by him to be on any public street, alley, lane, park, or place of whatever nature open to and used by the public in any area of the city unless such dog is securely leashed and the leash is held continuously in the hands of a responsible person capable of controlling such dog, or unless the dog is securely confined in a vehicle.

It is unlawful for any person to permit any dog owned, harbored or controlled by him to be on any private property in any area of the city without the permission of the person owning or occupying such private property. (Prior code § 6-1.106)

Section 6.04.070 Animals at large.

It is unlawful for any person owning or having the possession of any animal to permit it to be at large without reasonable control or to be pastured or kept upon a street or other public place or upon any private property against the wishes of the owner or occupant thereof or in any manner or place to the injury of the owner or occupant of any other property. (Prior code § 6-1.107)

Section 6.04.080 Livestock running at large.

It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring or controlling any livestock to permit such livestock to run at large upon the private property of another without the permission of the person owning or occupying such private property or upon the streets or public places of the city. The animal control officer is authorized, whenever he deems it necessary, to deputize individuals who are properly equipped to capture and transport livestock which are running at large in violation of the provisions of this section. Each animal captured or transported pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be impounded at the risk of the owner, and the owner or keeper of such animal shall be liable for all fees set forth in Section 37 of Ordinance 350. (Prior code § 6-1.108)

Section 6.04.090 Interfering with the duties of the animal control officer.

Every person who breaks open a dog pound, animal shelter, temporary pound, or pound

vehicle who wilfully resists, delays or obstructs the animal control officer in the discharge of, or attempt to discharge, any duty of this office shall be deemed guilty of an infraction. (Ord. 96-18 § 42, 1996: prior code § 6-1.109)

Section 6.04.100 Violations--Penalties.

Any person failing to comply with any provision of this chapter or any provision of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Kings County California adopted by ordinance of the board of supervisors of Kings County, No. 350, effective August 9, 1973, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction, and any person arrested for the violation of any provision of this chapter or Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Kings County, California, shall be given the opportunity to sign a citation to appear pursuant to the provisions of Section 853.6 of the Penal Code of the state. Any person refusing to sign a citation to appear may be taken into custody, and any person wilfully violating his written promise to appear on the citation shall be guilty of an infraction. (Ord. 96-18 § 43, 1996: prior code § 6-1.110)

Section 6.04.110 Permit required to keep livestock.

It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain within the city any cow, bull, calf, horse, mule, jennie, jack, burro, sheep, goat or other livestock without a written permit therefor. (Prior code § 6-1.201)

Section 6.04.120 Livestock permit--Application.

Any person desiring to keep or maintain, or permit to be kept or maintained, within the city any of such animals shall make and file with the health officer a written application for permission so to do, stating in such application the place where such animals are intended to be kept or maintained and the length of time the applicant intends to keep or maintain such animals within the city. (Prior code § 6-1.202)

Section 6.04.130 Livestock permit - Application - Investigation - Issuance.

Whenever any such application shall be made, the same shall be investigated by the health officer, and he shall thereafter grant or deny such application. (Prior code § 6-1.203)

Section 6.04.140 Animals in public places

The City Council may, by resolution, prohibit animals, whether or not confined by leash, from attendance on any sidewalk or street as those terms are defined in Section 12.04.010 of Chapter 12.04 of Title 12 of the Hanford Municipal Code, or any alley, lane, or other place open to and used by the public, or from any city park or city recreational facility. The prohibition of animals shall not apply to guide dogs and other service dogs used to assist disabled persons lawfully using any such sidewalk, street, alley, lane, city park or city recreational facility, or any other place open to and used by the public, nor shall this ordinance apply to dogs used by or under the authority of police or law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes. Should the city council so move, such resolution may be either on a temporary basis or a permanent basis.

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Chapter 6.08

BIRDS AND BEES

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Section 6.08.010 Unlawful to keep.

It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain bees or hives of bees within the city. (Prior code § 6-1.301)

Section 6.08.020 Designation of city as bird sanctuary--Signs.

The city is designated as a bird sanctuary, and signs bearing the legend "Hanford is a Bird Sanctuary" shall be placed at appropriate locations at or near the city limits at the principal entrances to the city. (Prior code § 6-1.401)

Section 6.08.030 Unlawful shooting and molesting--Exceptions.

No person shall shoot any species of wild birds within the city, and no person shall molest or damage the nest or eggs of any wild birds within the city; provided, however, if the council or the police department shall determine that starlings or other birds have become so numerous in any particular location or area as to be a public nuisance or a menace to health or property, the birds involved may be destroyed or otherwise controlled by the police department or under its supervision. (Prior code § 6-1.402)