

Sec. 8.21 DOG REGULATION AND LICENSES

Subd. 1. Running at Large Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person who is the owner, or other person in possession, of a dog, to permit such dog to run at large; provided, that such dog shall not be deemed to be running at large if it is on a leash and otherwise under the control of an accompanying person. For purposes of this Section, the term “owner” means any person who harbors, feeds, boards, or keeps a dog under his control.

Subd. 2. Dog Pound. Any dog found in the City running at large, shall be placed in the Dog Pound designated by the Council and an accurate record of the time of such placement shall be kept on each dog. Every dog so placed in the Dog pound shall be held for redemption by the owner for a period of not less than five regular business days. A “regular business day” is one during which the Pound is open for business to the public for at least four hours between 8:00 o’clock A.M. and 7:00 o’clock P.M. Impoundment records shall be preserved for a minimum of six months and shall show: (1) the description of the dog by specie, breed, sex, approximate age, and other distinguishing traits; (2) the location at which the animal was seized; (3) the date of seizure; (4) the name and address of the person from whom any dog three months of age or over was received; and, (5) the name and address of the person to whom any dog three months of age or over was transferred. If unclaimed, such dog shall be humanely destroyed and the carcass disposed of, unless it is requested by a licensed educational or scientific institution under authority of Minnesota Statutes, Section 35.71. Provided, however, that if a tag affixed to the dog, or a statement by the dog’s owner after seizure, specifies that the dog should not be used for research, such dog shall not be made available to any such institution but may be destroyed after the expiration of the five—day period.

Subd. 3. Notice of Impounding. Upon the impounding of any dog, the owner shall be notified, or if the owner of the dog is unknown, written notice shall be posted for five days at the City Hall describing the dog and the place and time of taking.

Subd. 4. Release From Dog Pound. Dogs shall be released to their owners upon a sworn statement of ownership, proof that a license has been duly issued for such dog, and payment of impounding fees as established by the Council by resolution. If the owner does not claim the dog, any other individual may obtain said dog upon compliance with the above requirements.

Subd. 5. Other Unlawful Acts. It is unlawful for the owner of any dog to (1) own or keep a dog which is dangerous (any such dog which has caused injury to persons or property shall be deemed “dangerous”), or (2) interfere with any police officer, or other City employee, in the performance of his duty to enforce this Section, or (3) fail to keep his dog from barking, howling or whining, or (4) fail to keep a female dog in heat or a dog which habitually chases automobiles confined in the owner’s premises, or (5) fail to prevent his dog from defecating in or upon public property or the premises of another.