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POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the quality of life the community by building partnerships that will help provide a safe, secure community through proactive and impartial enforcement of the laws of North Carolina and the United States Constitution.



ANIMAL-CONTROL STARTS AT HOME



PET LIVES MATTER

Keeping of certain animals within city prohibited.

City Ordinance Chapter 4 Article I Sec.4-6

It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a person described in the second sentence of this section, to keep or maintain overnight any horse, mule, cow, cattle, sheep, hog, or goat within the corporate limits of the city; and it shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any live fowl for any period of time within the corporate limits of the city except while transporting the same through the corporate limits of the city and the same are securely confined. The keeping of maintaining of any of the named animals by a public educational institution for educational purposes located within the corporate limits of the city is exempt from this section.

The owner of a dog shall keep it under restraint at all times and shall not permit it to be at large.



Keeping and penning; sanitary quarters required.

City Ordinance Chapter 4 Article II Sec.4-24

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, to keep custody of or to take care of four (4) or more dogs, five (5) months or older, who are frequently outside on the premises, unless the person has a special permit issued by the animal control officer.
- (b) If a person has four (4) or more dogs frequently outside on the premises, then the animal control officer must make the following five (5) findings in order to issue a special permit:

- 1) Noise from the dogs will not interfere with an abutting occupant's use and peaceful enjoyment of the property.
- 2) Any odor or unsanitary conditions caused by the dogs will not interfere with an abutting occupant's use and peaceful enjoyment of the property.
- 3) Four (4) or more dog runs or other dog-related structures or any combination thereof shall not be permitted if the structures can be seen from an abutting occupant's property in a residentially zoned district.
- 4) There is no evidence that the dogs pose any health problem or disease exposure for abutting occupants.
- 5) The dogs do not interfere in some other similar manner with the peaceful use and enjoyment of abutting property.

If the animal control officer denies a person a special permit, then the animal control officer must state the reasons for the denial in writing.

(c) A permit shall remain valid as long as the person is in compliance with the terms and conditions, if any, of the permit. If any of the circumstances change, such as, but not limited to, more animals, new structures or other such similar change that might reasonably violate the five (5) standards

(d) All penning facilities less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet per dog specifically dedicated to dog keeping must be located to the rear of the principal structure and shall not be maintained closer than ten (10) feet from any property line.

(e) It shall be unlawful to tether or chain any animal in such a fashion as to allow the animal to be closer than ten (10) feet to any property line. Dogs kept by chaining or tethering must be kept to the rear of the principal structure.

(f) *Exemptions.* The requirements in subsection (a) shall not apply to animals kept in an animal shelter, veterinarian's facility, commercially licensed kennel or other commercially licensed holding facility.

(g) It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal to maintain such animal in quarters that are not sanitary or humane.



Number of cats kept.

City Ordinance Chapter 4 Article III Sec.4-42

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, to keep custody of or to take care of four (4) or more cats, five (5) months or older, who are frequently outside on the premises, unless the person has a special permit issued by the animal control officer.

