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6.04.010 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Animal" means any and all types of animals, both domesticated and wild, male and female, singular and plural.

"At large" means off the premises of the owner or custodian of the animal or fowl, and not under the physical control of the owner or custodian either by leash, cord, chain or similar restraining device.

"Authorized person" means any police officer or the city pound master, or any other person acting under the order or direction of a police officer or of the city pound master.

"Exotic animal" means any animal that is neither native to the United States nor traditionally raised and tamed by humans.

"Fowl" means any and all fowl, domesticated and wild, male and female, singular and plural.

"Owner or custodian" means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation, owning, keeping, having charge of, harboring or feeding any animal or fowl in the city.

"Person" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association.

"Vicious animal or fowl" means any animal or fowl which has evidenced characteristics rendering it reasonably apparent to a prudent person that the animal or fowl is likely to harm persons or other animals. (Ord. 967 § 1, 1992; Ord. 651 § 1, 1971)

6.04.020 License and registration required.

A. All dogs in the city must be licensed and registered if over three months of age. The dog license shall be an annual license which shall expire at midnight on December 31st of each year and shall be issued by the city clerk upon payment of the following license fees:

	Neutered Male or Spayed Female	Unneutered or Unspayed Female
First dog	\$ 7.50	\$10.00
Second dog	10.00	13.00
Third dog and each dog thereafter	27.00	32.00

B. Licenses and tags will be available Mondays through Fridays during normal business hours at the Cle Elum police department. The owner or custodian shall state at the time the application is made for each dog license, upon the form provided for that purpose, the owner's name and address and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned, kept or harbored by him or her; provided, this section shall not apply to dogs brought temporarily into the city for a period not to exceed ten days during any calendar year.

C. All exotic pets kept within the city must be licensed and registered. The exotic pet license shall be an annual license which shall expire at midnight on December 31st of each year. Such license shall be issued by the city clerk upon payment to the clerk of a fee, and upon the satisfactory completion by the owner or keeper of the animal of the registration form provided by the clerk. (Ord. 1109 §1, 1999; Ord. 970 § 1, 1992; Ord. 967 § 2, 1992; Ord. 931 § 1, 1991; Ord. 822 § 1, 1984; Ord. 783 § 1, 1981; Ord. 651 § 3, 1971)

6.04.030 Tag and collar.

Upon payment of the license fee, the city clerk shall issue to the owner or the custodian a license receipt and a metal tag for each dog so licensed. The tag shall have stamped thereon the word "Cle Elum," the date of

expiration, the words "dog license," and the number corresponding with the number on the receipt. Every owner or custodian must provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be securely fastened, and must see that the collar and tag are constantly worn by the dog. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the city clerk upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment of the license fee for the current year and the payment of a one-dollar fee for each duplicate. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refund shall be made on any dog license fee because of death of the dog or for any other reason. (Ord. 822 § 2, 1984: Ord. 651 § 4, 1971)

6.04.040 Unlawful to keep animals which are offensive, dangerous or which constitute a nuisance.

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or allow to be kept, within the city, any animal or fowl that is bothersome, dangerous, noisome or offensive to the adjacent property owner(s), or which animal constitutes a nuisance, which determination shall be made by the city council after a written complaint is received by the city council and a hearing on the complaint is held by the city council. (Ord. 967 § 3, 1992: Ord. 651 § 5, 1971)

6.04.050 Limitation on number.

Any person, or owner or custodian keeping, having charge of, harboring or feeding more than four animals of any one kind, more than three months of age in the city, shall be presumed to be in the business of raising such animals commercially and must obtain a thirty-five-dollar annual business license and comply with all appropriate zoning ordinances, in addition to the specific annual animal's licenses required by the city. No person, firm or corporation shall keep, care or harbor or feed within the city any cattle or horses exceeding two in number. Any violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance and adverse to the public health, safety and welfare. (Ord. 822 § 3, 1984: Ord. 651 § 6, 1971)

6.04.060 Animals and fowl not to be permitted at large.

No owner or custodian of any animal or fowl shall permit the same to go at large. A violation of this section is declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the public health, safety and welfare. (Ord. 651 § 2, 1971)

6.04.070 Excessive noise by animals or fowl prohibited.

No owner or custodian of any animal or fowl shall permit same to remain outside of the dwelling of such owner or custodian or outside the closed building where the animals or fowl are kept while any such animal or fowl is causing excessive or frequent noises which disturbs or is likely to disturb the comfort or repose of other persons in the neighborhood. A violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance and adverse to the public health and welfare. (Ord. 651 § 7, 1971)

6.04.080 Manner of keeping animals and fowl.

No owner or custodian of any animal or fowl shall keep or harbor or maintain any such animal or fowl, or maintain any place in which such animal or fowl is kept, in such manner as to be filthy or unsanitary.

Violation of this section is declared to be a public nuisance and adverse to the public health, safety and welfare.
(Ord. 651 § 8, 1971)

6.04.081 Grazing animals--Defined.

A. Grazing Animals Defined. A grazing animal is considered to be one horse, one cow, one mule, four sheep, two burros, four goats or two llamas.

B. Such animals are to be kept within proper space and properly constructed fences. Animals raised for commercial purposes are considered a business and business licenses are required.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.082 General space requirements.

With respects to each grazing animal to be kept within the city the owner or keeper thereof must provide a minimum of ten thousand square feet of grazing area for each grazing animal.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.083 Barns, corrals and enclosures.

No person shall keep, use or maintain any livestock barn, corral or enclosure which is located closer than one hundred feet to any neighboring residence or other inhabited building within the city.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.084 Animals being driven or ridden.

No person shall ride or drive any horse, mare, mule, burro or any other beast of burden of any description in or upon any of the streets or public places within the city faster than an ordinary walking gait; nor ride any of said animals across or onto any sidewalk, parking strip, tavern or other commercial building.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.085 Abandonment of animals.

It is unlawful for any person to abandon within the city any domestic animal by dropping off or leaving such animal on any street, road, alley, highway or by dropping off or leaving such animal on the street, road, alley, highway or any other public place or upon private property without the consent of such private property owner. An animal is abandoned when left in any such place without any provision made for the care and feeding of such animal by its owner or keeper.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.086 Animals in heat.

Every female dog or cat in heat shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure, in such manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.087 Animal abuse.

No person shall beat, cruelly treat, torment, overload, overwork or otherwise abuse an animal or cause, instigate or permit any dog fight, cock fight, bull fight or other combat between animals or between animals and humans.

(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.088 Rabies inoculation.

All dogs licensed within the city shall at all times wear a rabies tag evidencing current rabies inoculation.

(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.089 Cruelty to animals.

A. Injuring Animal with Vehicle. No person shall wilfully injure, beat, abuse or run down any animal with a vehicle. Any person who kills or injures an animal while driving a vehicle shall stop at the scene of the accident and render such assistance as practicable, shall make reasonable efforts to locate and identify himself to the owner or to any person having custody of the animal and shall report the accident immediately to the department of public safety or animal control officer.

B. Feeding and Care of Animals. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor an animal within the city without providing a suitable amount of wholesome food and clean water for the nutrition and comfort thereof, and without providing a clean sleeping area, or to leave the premises upon which the animal is confined or to which it customarily returns for more than twenty-four hours without providing for the feeding and care of such animal in the absence of the person.

C. Poisoning of Animals. It is unlawful for any person to wilfully or maliciously poison any domestic animal or bird or to lay out or expose any kind of poison or to leave exposed any poisoned food or drink for man, animal or fowl, or any substance or fluid whatever whereon or wherein there is or shall be deposited or mingled any kind of poison or poisonous or deadly substance, or fluid whatever, on any premises or in any unenclosed place, or to aid or abet any person in doing so; except, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the killing by poison of any animal or bird in a lawful and humane manner by the owner thereof or by a duly authorized servant or agent of such owner, or by the owner, or by a person acting pursuant to instructions from a duly constituted public authority, in accordance with the exceptions provided in RCW Chapter 16.52.190.

D. Injury to Animal--Neglect of Injured Animal. It is unlawful for any person to:

1. Wilfully and cruelly injure or kill any animal by any means causing it fright or pain;
2. By reason of neglect or intent, to cause or allow any animal to endure pain, suffering or injury or to fail or neglect to aid or attempt alleviation of pain, suffering or injury such person has caused to any animal;
3. Maintain any place where fowl or any animals are suffered to fight upon exhibition or for sport

upon any wager.
(Ord. 887 § 1 (part), 1989)

6.04.090 Impounding of animals and fowl.

For any violation of this chapter, any authorized person may impound any such offending animal or fowl in the city animal shelter, or, if he deems it necessary, in a suitable private animal shelter.
(Ord. 651 § 9, 1971)

6.04.100 Notice of impounding.

Not later than two days after the impounding of any animal or fowl under the provisions of this chapter, the city police department or city poundmaster shall notify the owner or custodian, if known, either in person or by first-class United States mail, of the impounding, describing the animal or fowl, and the place and time of taking and advising where the animal is held. If the owner or custodian is unknown a written notice shall be posted for not less than five calendar days on the east door of the City Hall (main entrance). The notice shall also advise that unless the animal is redeemed within five days after date of service or posting of notice, the animal may be sold or destroyed.
(Ord. 822 § 4, 1984: Ord. 651 § 10, 1971)

6.04.110 Redemption of impounded animals or fowl.

A. The owner or lawful custodian of any animal or fowl impounded under the provisions of this chapter may reclaim such animal within five days after the personal service, mailing, or date of posting of notices above provided; provided, however, the animal or fowl shall be released to the owner or custodian only upon payment of the annual fees for such animal if not paid, and all of the costs and charges incurred by the city for impounding and maintenance of the animal or fowl. These charges shall be paid to the city clerk and shall consist of the following:

1. For each impounding or capturing of any animal or fowl, ten dollars;
2. For food and care, five dollars per day per animal or fowl.

B. Any owner of an animal or fowl being impounded, not wishing to reclaim the animal or fowl or pay the charges for the animal, may sign a form "release of ownership," giving the city the right to find the animal or fowl a new owner or in the event a new owner cannot be found, the right to destroy the animal or fowl. A fee of ten dollars payable to the city shall accompany each certificate.
(Ord. 822 § 5, 1984: Ord. 718 § 2, 1977: Ord. 651 § 11, 1971)

6.04.120 Destruction or release of unclaimed animals and fowl.

All animals and fowl impounded under the provisions of this chapter, if unclaimed, shall be retained in the animal shelter for a minimum period of five days. If at the expiration of five days from date of notice to owner or the date of posting of notice or mailing of notice, the animal or fowl has not been reclaimed, it may be destroyed; or, except in the case of vicious animals or fowl, it may be released to any person, upon such person obtaining a license as provided in this chapter and paying a ten-dollar new owner's fee.

(Ord. 822 § 6, 1984; Ord. 651 § 12, 1971)

6.04.130 Purchase of unclaimed animals or fowl.

In the event any animal or fowl is released to any person other than the owner or lawful custodian pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.04.120, such person to whom the animal or fowl is so released shall be deemed a purchaser of the same from the city. The purchaser shall receive from the city clerk a certificate of purchase, and the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the vesting of complete title to such animal or fowl in the purchaser and of the termination of all interest and rights of the former owner in and to the animal or fowl.

(Ord. 651 § 13, 1971)

6.04.140 Records to be maintained.

The police department shall prepare in duplicate a detailed record of each animal or fowl impounded showing the time and place of taking, a description of the animal or fowl, the name and address of the person to whom released, date of release or other disposition of the animal or fowl. The original copy of this record shall be filed with and maintained in the records of the police department and shall be available to the public for inspection, and one copy thereof shall be filed and maintained in the records of the city clerk.

(Ord. 822 § 7, 1984; Ord. 651 § 14, 1971)

6.04.150 Disposition of dangerous animals or fowl.

Whenever it reasonably appears to an authorized person attempting to impound an animal or fowl under the provisions of this chapter that the animal or fowl is dangerous to the public, if capture cannot be effected safely and promptly, said person is authorized to destroy the animal or fowl forthwith.

(Ord. 651 § 15, 1971)

6.04.160 Impounding for observation.

Any authorized person, upon receiving notice that any animal or fowl has bitten any person or has acted in such manner as to indicate that it has rabies or other similar dangerous disease, is authorized to detain such animal or fowl after its identification by the victim or a witness, and the animal or fowl shall be held under observation and for examination by a veterinarian for a period of not less than ten days. The owner or custodian of such animal or fowl will be required to produce proof of rabies immunization. If no owner is located, the city will hold the animal or fowl for ten days, and if the animal is not redeemed by the owner or custodian, it may be sold or destroyed as otherwise provided in this chapter. The owner or custodian of the animal or fowl shall be liable for all medical costs incurred by any person as a result of such animal's behavior, and shall also pay all veterinarian's fees and costs of impoundment and care as provided in this chapter before such animal may be redeemed.

(Ord. 822 § 8, 1984; Ord. 651 § 16, 1971)

6.04.170 Vicious animals or fowl may be destroyed.

Any vicious animal or fowl impounded under the provisions of this chapter and remaining unredeemed after notice has been given as provided in this chapter, or any animal or fowl which has bitten any person and

after examination by a qualified veterinarian has been determined by him to have rabies or other disease rendering the animal dangerous to persons, may be destroyed by any authorized person.
(Ord. 651 § 17, 1971)

6.04.180 Interference with enforcement.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, organization or corporation to interfere with, hinder, delay or impede any authorized person in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.
(Ord. 651 § 18, 1971)

6.04.190 Penalty for violation.

Any person and any owner or custodian violating any provisions of this chapter shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than thirty-seven dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The minimum portion of the fine shall in no case be suspended.
(Ord. 822 § 9, 1984: Ord. 651 § 19, 1971)