

TENAKEE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

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17.01.010 Licensing. A. No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog over six (6) months old within the city unless such dog is licensed as herein provided, or unless such dog is kept wholly on the premises of the owner. Application for such license shall be made to the city clerk or such agents as the City Council may designate, and shall state the name and address of the owner and the name, breed, sex, color and age of the dog. The license fee shall be paid at the time of making application, a numbered receipt given to the applicant.

B. All dogs will be licensed by the City. All licenses required by this chapter shall be issued for a term of one (1) year. Notices shall be sent to all dog owners on July 1, due in full July 31st.

C. If there is a change of ownership of the dog during the license year, the new owner shall within fifteen (15) days, notify the city clerk, who will change the license record accordingly.

D. Licenses are not transferable between dogs.

17.01.020 Impoundment. A. Unlicensed dogs found running at large shall be taken up by a law enforcement officer and impounded in a humane manner for a period of not less than seventy-two (72) hours, and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner if not claimed by their owners, or held for adoption.

B. When an unlicensed dog is found running at large, and its ownership is known to the enforcement agent, such dog need not be impounded, but the agent may cite the owner of the dog to appear in court to answer to a charge of violation of this chapter.

C. Immediately upon impounding any animal, the enforcement agent shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner thereof and to inform such owner under the conditions of which he may regain custody of such animal. The enforcement officer may file a complaint against the owner of any dog which has been impounded for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

17.01.030 Redemption of Impounded Dogs. The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded dog, except as may hereinafter be provided, upon the owner's compliance with the license provisions of this chapter and the payment of the impound fees.

17.01.040 Fees. A. Fees for impoundment, boarding, licensing and other services performed pursuant to this chapter are hereby established as follows:

1. An impoundment fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) is established.
2. A boarding fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per 24-hour period is set for dogs held in impoundment.
3. The yearly license is established at ten dollars (\$10.00) for all neutered dogs, and forty dollars (\$40.00) for all other dogs.
4. A delinquent fee of ten dollar (\$10.00) per month is set for all licenses not paid by February 1st of the current year.
5. License and impoundment fees may be changed from time to time by the City Council.

17.01.050 Confinement of Dogs and Female Dogs in Season. A. The owner shall confine within a building or secure enclosure every fierce, dangerous or vicious dog and not take such dog from said building or secure enclosure unless such dog is securely muzzled. Dogs shall be considered vicious after two (2) substantiated reports of unprovoked bites.

B. Every female dog in season shall be walked on a leash by a responsible person, or shall be kept confined in a building or secure enclosure, in such a manner that such female dog cannot come in contact with another dog except for planned breeding purposes.

C. Owners must restrain their dogs from running loose at public gatherings or on the airplane floats.

17.01.060 Objectionable Dogs. A. The owner of any dog shall not suffer or permit the same repeatedly to disturb a neighborhood or any number of persons by frequent prolonged barking, howling or other noises during the hours from 9:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

B. The owner of any dog shall not suffer or permit the same to defecate, dig upon or injure private property without permission of the property owner.

C. The owner of any dog shall not permit the same to frequently or habitually growl, snap at, jump upon or otherwise menace, injure or frighten persons, provided that this section shall not apply to persons who are trespassing or otherwise in violation of the law.

D. Any dog chasing, harassing or otherwise disturbing or injuring wild game shall be immediately impounded by any enforcement agent, and may be immediately impounded by a private citizen.

17.01.070 Interference with Officers. A. No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the City of Tenakee Springs in the performance of any lawful duty of such agent in the enforcement of this ordinance, or seek to release any animal in custody of impoundment except as herein provided.

B. For purpose of discharging duties imposed by this chapter and to enforce its provisions any police officer is empowered to enter upon any premises upon which a dog is kept or harbored and demand the exhibition, by owner or keeper of such dog, the license for such dog providing a proper warrant is first obtained.

17.01.080 Records. A. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of the licensing, impoundment and deposition of all animals coming into custody of impoundment.

B. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of all bite cases reported to the city clerk after investigation and report of same by a police officer.

C. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of all monies received under the provisions of this chapter.

17.01.090 Citations. Any law enforcement officer may, when a dog is found in violation of any provision of this chapter and when the owner of the dog is known to him, issue a citation to the owner as provided in Chapter 01.05.030.