

CHAPTER XI
ANIMALS AND FOWL

Article 1
GENERAL REGULATIONS

111.0101 CRUELTY

No person shall cruelly treat any animal in the city in any way; any person who inhumanly beats, underfeeds, overloads, or abandons any animal shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section.

111.0102 DANGEROUS ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the city; exhibitions or parades of animals which are ferae naturae in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the chief of police.

111.0103 NOISES

It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animals which disturb the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night.

111.0104 STRAYS

It shall be unlawful to permit any cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, or poultry to run at large in the city; any such animal running at large in any public place in the city shall be impounded. It shall further be unlawful to picket or tie any such animal in any of the streets of the city for the purpose of grazing or feeding.

111.0105 KILLING DANGEROUS ANIMALS

The members of the police department or any other person in the city, are authorized to kill any dangerous animals of any kind when it is necessary for the protection of any person or property.

111.0106 DISEASED ANIMALS

No domestic animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to run at large, or to be exposed in any public place whereby the health of man or beast may be affected; nor shall such diseased animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner thereof, except under the supervision of the chief of police or the health officer.

It is hereby made the duty of the health officer to secure such disposition of any diseased animal and such treatment of affected premises as to prevent the communication and spread of the contagion or infection, except in cases where the state veterinarian is empowered to act.

111.0107 HOUSING

No person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean, or unwholesome and it shall be unlawful to keep any live pigs, cattle, poultry or other fowl, goats, rabbits or horses in the platted section of the city, bounded by the north and south limits, Maple Street on the west, and Chestnut Street on the east.

111.0108 DOG LICENSE REQUIRED

Any owner or keeper of any dog shall annually on or before the first day of May, cause each dog to be registered and licensed for one year from said first day of May. No license or renewal shall be issued for a dog over four months of age unless it has been inoculated against rabies.

111.0109 LICENSE FEES

All dogs kept in the city shall be registered as to sex, breed, name and address of the owner and name of dog. At the time of such registration such owner shall obtain a license for such dog and shall pay a fee as is determined from time to time by the city council. It shall be the duty of the owner to cause such license tag to be securely attached around the dog's neck and kept there at all times during the license period.

111.0110 RUNNING AT LARGE

No person owning, harboring or having the custody of any dog shall permit the same to run at large in the city of Taylor.

111.0111 NUISANCE

Any dog without a valid license and collar, any dog that is vicious, dangerous or ferocious in nature, any dog sick with or liable to communicate hydrophobia or other contagious or infectious diseases, any dog indulging in continuous, excessive or untimely barking, any dog engaging in molesting passers-by, chasing vehicles or habitually attacking other domestic animals or damaging property is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

111.0112 KENNELS

No person shall be allowed to establish or construct a place for the harboring or breeding of dogs regardless of whether said establishment or construction shall be a building or series of cages or enclosures without first obtaining a permit from the city council of the city of Taylor, issued through its city

auditor. Proper application shall be made to said city council setting forth the proposed establishment or construction of said facilities and furnishing to said city council such further information as the council deems necessary for the proper construction and establishment of said facility.

111.0113 COMPLAINT

Any person observing the violation of any of the foregoing ordinances or who shall have been harmed by the violation of any of the foregoing ordinances shall have as his remedy the filing of a written complaint with the city animal warden who shall then process said complaint and who shall aid the complainant in the proper prosecution of said violation. The complaint shall be in the form prescribed by the city council of the city of Taylor and shall be signed by the complaining witness and in the event that there is more than one complaining witness to any particular incident, a separate complaint shall be filed by each complaining witness. The complaint must be signed by the complaining witness in the presence of the animal warden or any member or the city council of the city of Taylor.

111.0114 CITY MAGISTRATE TO HEAR MATTER

Upon complaint duly filed with the city of Taylor as herein provided, a summons shall be issued to the owner, if known, of the dog complained of in said complaint, said summons requiring his appearance before the city magistrate. The city magistrate shall make a determination regarding the violation complained of and shall have authority to impose a penalty as herein prescribed or order the termination of the life of the dog.

111.0115 OWNER NOT KNOWN OR NOT FOUND

If it appears from the complaint that the owner is not known or cannot be found, ten (10) days notice shall be given by publication in one issue of a newspaper having wide circulation in the area. Such notice shall contain a description of the dog as given in the complaint, a statement that such complaint has been made, and the time and place of hearing thereon. Upon having the hearing the city magistrate shall then make a determination regarding the violation complained of and shall have authority to impose a penalty as herein provided or order the termination of the life of the dog.

111.0116 IMPOUNDING

Unrestrained dogs may be taken by the police or the city dog warden and impounded in an animal shelter, and there confined in a humane manner. If by a permit tag or other means the owner can be identified, the officer shall immediately upon impoundment notify the owner by telephone or mail of the impoundment of the animal.

Article 2

PENALTIES

111.0201 PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than \$10.00 upon first violation, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00 upon second violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each third or subsequent violation within a 12-month period.