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CROSS REFERENCE

Animal regulations - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 505

155.01 APPOINTMENT; AUTHORITY.

On the recommendation of the Director of Public Safety, the Mayor shall appoint an Animal Control Officer, whose sole duty shall relate to the enforcement of this chapter and the provisions of Chapter 505. While on duty, he shall wear a proper badge with the insignia of the City, to designate his authority as Animal Control Officer to perform the duties as set forth in Section 155.04. (Ord. 48-09. Passed 8-25-09.)

155.02 HOURS; RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Animal Control Officer shall work a minimum of fifteen hours per week and be on call twenty-four hours per day. (Ord. 61-04. Passed 12-14-04.)

155.03 DOG KENNEL.

A suitable dog kennel for restraining impounded dogs shall be maintained on the grounds of the Department of Public Service under the direction of the Director of Public Safety. (Ord. 61-04. Passed 12-14-04.)

155.04 DUTIES.

In general the duties of the Animal Control Officer shall be as follows:

(a) He shall make and maintain as complete a record as practical of the dogs properly licensed to residents of the Municipality.

(b) When directed by the Chief of Police, he shall patrol such section or sections of the Municipality as are designated by the Chief of Police for the purpose of apprehending any stray dogs or other dogs running at large.

(c) He shall seize and impound all dogs found within the Municipality (required by law to be licensed) which are not properly licensed. He shall also seize any impound and licensed dogs found running at large within the Municipality under conditions likely to endanger public health, peace or safety.

(d) He shall investigate all claims of damage alleged to have been caused by dogs and shall

make a report of his findings thereon to the Chief of Police.

(e) He shall make accurate reports in writing to the Chief of Police of all dogs seized, impounded and redeemed during the week to which the report relates, and he shall thereupon promptly pay to the Director of Finance all moneys received and collected by him during such week, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(f) He shall take and impound any dog at the request of any resident of the City upon:

- (1) Demonstration of proof of ownership of the dog; and
- (2) Payment of a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for such pickup.

(g) He shall confine all dogs seized by him in the kennel directed to be built and maintained in the grounds of the Department of Public Service and he shall make adequate provision for feeding and watering all dogs so confined. A dog seized and placed in the Municipal dog kennel may be redeemed on application to the Dog Warden upon payment of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) if redeemed within twenty-four hours after being seized and impounded, it being hereby determined by Council that such fee will be required in order to cover the expense of enforcing this chapter.

(h) Any dog seized by the Animal Control Officer and not reclaimed as provided in this chapter within a period of seventy-two hours shall be delivered over to the Lorain County Dog Warden to be disposed of as provided by law.

(i) He shall be responsible for the trapping of animals as required for the public health and safety. (Ord. 89-15. Passed 12-29-15.)

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