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Owner or keeper liable for damages - see Ohio R.C 951.10

Dog registration - see Ohio R.C. 955.01

Discharging firearms prohibited - see GEN. OFF. 549.10

Stables and kennels - see BLDG. Ch. 1381

505.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(a) No person being the owner or having charge of cattle, horses, swine, sheep, geese, ducks, goats, turkeys, chickens or other fowl or animals shall permit them to run at large upon any public place, or upon any unenclosed lands or upon the premises of another.

(b) No person being the owner of or having charge of any dog, whether wearing a registration tag or not, shall permit it to run at large upon any public place or upon the premises of another. No owner, keeper or harbinger of any female dog shall permit such dog to go beyond the premises of such owner or keeper at any time such dog is in heat, unless such dog is properly in leash. The owner or keeper of every dog shall at all times keep such dog either confined upon the premises of the owner or keeper, or under reasonable control of some person. (ORC 955.22)

(c) The running at large of any such animal in or upon any of the places mentioned in this section is prima-facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this section. (ORC 951.02)

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Any individual previously found guilty of violating this section who is subsequently found guilty of a violation of this section within one year of a previous violation of this section shall be guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor. (Ord. 1-93. Passed 1-12-93.)

505.02 IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION; RECORDS.

(a) A police officer or animal warden may impound every animal or dog found in violation of Section 505.01. If the dog is not wearing a valid registration tag and the owner is not otherwise reasonably determined, notice shall be posted in the pound or animal shelter both describing the dog and place where seized and advising the unknown owner that unless the dog is redeemed within three days, it may thereafter be sold or destroyed according to law. If the dog is wearing a valid registration tag or the identity of the owner, keeper or harbinger is otherwise reasonably determined, notice shall be given by certified mail to such owner, keeper or harbinger that the dog has been impounded and unless redeemed within fourteen days of the date of notice, it may thereafter be sold or destroyed according to law. Any dog seized and impounded may be redeemed by its owner, keeper or harbinger at any time prior to the applicable redemption period upon payment of all lawful costs assessed against the animal and upon providing the dog with a valid registration tag if it has none.

(b) A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of the same, the owner's name and address where known, and a statement of any costs assessed against the dogs shall be kept by any poundkeeper.

(c) In addition to all other fees and costs to be paid by the owner of any animal or dog impounded as a result of a violation of the Codified Ordinances, the owner of any such animal or dog shall pay to the City, a recovery fee in accordance with the schedule set forth herein below.

(1) For the first animal or dog released from impound within a calendar year, ten dollars (\$10.00).

(2) For the second animal or dog released from impound within a calendar year, twenty dollars (\$20.00).

(3) For the third animal or dog released from impound within a calendar year, thirty dollars (\$30.00).

(4) For the fourth and each subsequent animal or dog released from impound within a calendar year, forty dollars (\$40.00) per animal or dog so released. (Ord. 2-93. Passed 1-12-93.)

505.03 ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF DOGS; TAGS REQUIRED.

(a) Except for guide dogs registered under Ohio R.C. 955.011 and dogs kept by an institution or organization for teaching and research purposes under Ohio R.C. 955.16, no person shall own, keep

or harbor a dog more than three months of age without annually registering such dog with the County Auditor. Failure of any dog at any time to wear a valid registration tag shall be prima-facie evidence of lack of registration and subject such dog to impounding and disposition as provided by Ohio R.C. 955.16.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense and a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for each subsequent offense.
(ORC 955.99(D)).

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