

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 14-1. Domesticated household pets.

(a) Dogs, cats, and other domesticated animals, which may include fish, parrots, parakeets, canaries, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and turtles may be kept and maintained as household pets within the city so long as they are kept and maintained in compliance with other provisions of this chapter. Proper sanitary measures shall be observed and followed at all times in connection with keeping and maintaining of such household pets.

(b) It is unlawful for a person to keep, maintain, or harbor in a residential zoning district of the city more than four household pets which individually weigh more than ten pounds, or more than ten household pets which individually weigh more than one pound, or more than four household pets of the same biological family (i.e. canine, feline, etc.), except litters of puppies or kittens up to six months of age, and not more than 25 fish may be kept or maintained in an aquarium.

(c) No dog or other household pet shall be permitted to be outdoors within the city unless kept under the immediate control of a person by means of a leash attached to the dog or household pet, or otherwise kept confined in some manner, such as within a completely fenced or walled yard or within a portable kennel.

(Code 1987, § 91.01; Ord. No. 17-1997, § 1, 11-20-97)

Sec. 14-2. Bird and wildlife sanctuary.

(a) The area within the corporate limits of the city is hereby declared to be a bird and animal wildlife sanctuary.

(b) It is unlawful for a person to intentionally kill, injure, molest, or harm any bird or animal wildlife within the city, unless done in self-defense, in defense of the life or safety of another person, pursuant to lawful authority in the practice of veterinary medicine, or in the course of governmentally sanctioned animal control.

(Code 1987, § 91.05; Ord. No. 17-1997, § 1, 11-20-97)

Sec. 14-3. Keeping live birds or animals within a non-residential zoning district.

It is unlawful for a person to keep, maintain, or harbor any live bird or animal in a non-residential zoning district of the city, unless part of or incidental to a permitted or conditional use within such zoning district, such as a veterinary practice, a boarding kennel, a pet store, or agricultural use.

(Code 1987, § 91.02; Ord. No. 17-1997, § 1, 11-20-97)

Cross references: Zoning, ch. 118.

Sec. 14-4. Reserved.

Editor's note: Ord. No. 17-1997, § 1, adopted Nov. 20, 1997, repealed the provisions of former § 14-4, which pertained to limitation on number of pets permitted on premises, as derived from § 91.03 of the Code of 1987.

Sec. 14-5. Reserved.

Editor's note: Ord. No. 17-1997, § 1, adopted Nov. 20, 1997, repealed the provisions of former § 14-5, which pertained to horses, oxen, etc. as derived from § 91.04 of the Code of 1987.

Sec. 14-6. Animals creating a nuisance.

(a) Any dog, cat, household pet, or other animal which habitually, barks, whines, howls, or causes other objectionable noise; or which is at-large or chases or runs after persons or vehicles; or which destroys or damages any property of another person, or which causes serious annoyance to a neighboring residence or interference with the reasonable use and enjoyment of that person's property; or which is otherwise offensive to

the public so as to annoy, disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of the citizens or residents of the city, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(b) Any person who is the owner of such a dog, cat, household pet, or other animal as described in subsection (a) of this section; or, who keeps or maintains such animal on his/her premises, is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and shall abate such public nuisance within 48 hours after being served notice by the city that a public nuisance is being maintained.

(c) In addition to the penalties provided in this code for a violation of the provisions of this chapter, the city may institute any lawful civil action or proceeding to prevent, restrain or abate any acts or failures to act hereunder, which constitute a public nuisance.

(Ord. No. 17-1997, § 2, 11-20-97)