
6.04.100 Impoundment.

~~A. A dog found running at large may be impounded by the city, and restrained in the city's designated animal shelter. Within a reasonable time following the impounding of a dog, the city shall make every reasonable effort to notify the keeper of the dog and inform the keeper of the dog of the conditions for release of the animal. Any animal not claimed by the keeper of the dog within a period of five full days in which the shelter is open to the public shall become the property of the city.~~

A dog found running at large may be taken into City custody. If the dog is currently licensed, the City shall make one good-faith courtesy attempt per license period to contact the keeper before the dog is impounded. No additional attempts are required if the keeper does not respond.

If the keeper cannot be reached or is unavailable to take custody of the dog within a reasonable time, the dog may be impounded.

If the dog is **unlicensed and has no tag or other identification that reasonably identifies the keeper**, the City is not required to attempt to contact the keeper before impoundment.

If the dog is not claimed within five full days that the shelter is open to the public, the dog becomes City property.

- B. In the event that the city finds dogs to be suffering, it shall have the right forthwith to remove or cause to have removed any such animals to a safe place for care at the expense of the keeper of the dog or to euthanize them, at the expense of the keeper of the dog, when necessary to prevent further suffering. Return to the keeper of the dog may be withheld until the keeper of the dog shall have made full payment for all expenses so incurred.
- C. In the event the city determines a dog to be a dangerous or aggressive dog as defined in this chapter, the city may impound the dog from the premises of the keeper of the dog to prevent further attacks on domestic animals or humans.
- D. Disposal of an animal by any method specified herein does not relieve the keeper of the dog of liability for violations and any accrued charges.

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