

Sec. 2.03.005 Identification/registration tag and/or microchip required

- (a) It is a violation of this chapter if any person owning, keeping, harboring or having custody of a dog or cat over the age of four (4) months within the city does not register such animal as provided herein. Police dogs or assistance animals shall be exempt from the identification/registration tag fee; however, they must be in compliance with all other provisions of this chapter. This section does not apply to animals temporarily within the city for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.
- (b) The animal control officer is hereby authorized to appoint issuing agents as his/her deputies for the limited purpose of issuing pet animal identification/registration tags. Identification/registration tags shall be on forms and tags furnished by the animal control officer and shall be issued subject to the provisions of this chapter and any other rules, regulations or ordinances relating to the issuance of such tags.
- (c) An issuing agent may not issue an animal identification/registration tag that is not currently vaccinated against rabies or microchipped. If not microchipped at time of registration the animal will be microchipped by the animal control department at the time of registration.
- (d) Each issuing agent shall report the unique identification/registration tag number issued to the animal control officer within thirty (30) days and shall remit all identification/registration tag fees and information collected at least once monthly.
- (e) All dogs and cats four (4) months of age or older must wear traceable identification.
- (f) Any owner who fails to obtain a current city identification/registration tag shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (g) No person may use a city identification/registration tag or rabies certificate on an animal other than for which it was issued.
- (h) Identification/registration tags must be renewed annually. No refunds shall be made on any city identification/registration tag fee. A duplicate identification/registration tag may be obtained upon payment of fee established by this chapter.
- (i) Rabies vaccination certificates will be valid for one (1) year.