

Sec. 2.03.005 Identification~~/registration~~ tag and~~/or~~ microchip required
(a)

~~The owner or keeper of a dog, cat, or equine shall maintain current registration with a microchip registration company.) 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) If there is a change in contact information of an owner or keeper of a registered microchipped equine, dog, or cat, the owner or keeper shall update contact information, including new address or telephone number, with the microchip registration company within thirty (30) days of the date of the change in contact information.

(c) If there is a change in ownership of a registered equine, dog, or cat, the initial owner or keeper shall be responsible for ensuring that the microchip is no longer registered in the initial owner's or keeper's name within thirty (30) days of the date of change in ownership. The new owner or keeper shall be responsible for re-registering the microchip to include any new address and telephone number and have the registration information transferred to the new owner's or keeper's name within thirty (30) days after the change in ownership.

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~~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.~~

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(de) ~~An issuing agent may not issue a microchip 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) Dogs must wear a tag at all times while outdoors; except that dogs that are kept for show or exhibition purposes are not required to wear such a tag as long as the dogs are otherwise under restraint. The tag shall include either the dog's microchip number or the current address or telephone number of the dog owner. All dogs and cats four (4) months of age or older must wear traceable identification.

(f) Cats and equines shall not be required to wear a tag with the registered microchip number on a collar.

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(f) Any owner who fails to obtain a current city identification~~/registration/microchip~~ tag shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

(g) No person may use a registered microchip number for any animal other than the one for which it was issued. No person may use a city identification/registration tag or rabies certificate on an animal other than for which it was issued.

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(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.~~