

# EXHIBIT A

## Chapter 2 - ANIMAL CONTROL ARTICLE 2.04 REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CATS

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### ARTICLE 2.04 REGISTRATION OF DOGS AND CATS<sup>1</sup>

#### Sec. 2.04.001 Required; expiration

- a) No person may own, keep, harbor, or have custody or control of any dog or cat over four months of age within the city limits without having each dog and/or cat properly registered with the City.
  - i. No person may own, keep, harbor, or have custody or control of any dog or cat over four months of age within the city limits without having said dog or cat implanted with a microchip that is to be registered with both the City and the issuing microchip company.
  - ii. No person may own, keep, harbor or have custody or control of a dog or cat over four months of age within the city, unless the dog or cat has been immunized against rabies in accordance with this chapter and state law.
    - i. A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat as required by this chapter must furnish the owner or keeper of the dog or cat with a metal tag bearing a number corresponding to the number placed on the vaccination certificate, and with lettering showing immunization and the year thereof. This tag must be attached to the collar or harness of the dog or cat for which it was issued and must be worn at all times in a conspicuous place on the collar or harness.
    - ii. If the agency does not provide a metal tag, the owner must, upon request, be able to provide rabies certification with appropriate information and vet signature as to verify the animal is currently vaccinated against rabies.
  - iii. A dog and/or cat must be registered with the City within 30 days after obtaining a dog /cat over four months of age.
  - iv. Registration is only valid for 1 year and must be renewed every year.

(1972 Code, sec. 4.312; Ordinance 03-004 adopted 4-1-03; 2008 Code, § 2.04.001; Ordinance 2019-59, § 1, adopted 11-19-19)

#### Sec. 2.04.002 Revocation

- (a) The animal control officer or designate may revoke any dog or cat registration after a hearing for any one or more of the following reasons:
  - (1) Impoundment of a dog by the city more than three times during a 12-month period;

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<sup>1</sup>State law reference(s)—Registration of dogs and cats, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code, § 826.031 et seq.; confidentiality of certain information in dog or cat registry, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code, § 826.0311.

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- (2) More than three final convictions of a person for violating this chapter when such conviction relates to the dog/cat which is being considered for revocation of its registration;
  - (3) Upon a determination that the dog or cat is a vicious animal, as defined by this chapter;
  - (4) Refusal to admit the animal control officer or police officer onto the owner's premises for inspections or investigation of a complaint on premises wherein a violation is suspected;
  - (5) Failure to restrain a female dog or cat in heat sufficiently to prevent contact with a male of the species, except where planned breeding is carried out;
  - (6) Failure to exercise proper care and control of an animal in repeated instances of barking, chasing vehicles, attacking other animals or other nuisances;
  - (7) Failure to keep premises sanitary and reasonably clean and free of excrement and free of any offensive odors due to animal keeping;
  - (8) Cruelty to an animal, failure to provide proper veterinary care, failure to feed, water or properly shelter an animal, beating, tormenting, or otherwise abusing an animal; and/or
  - (9) Intentionally abandoning an animal.

In addition to or in lieu of registration revocation, the above offenses shall constitute violations of this chapter.

- (b) Upon revoking the registration of any animal, the animal control officer shall notify the owner of the animal of said action in writing. Written notification shall be deemed made when a certified letter, return receipt requested, addressed to the last known mailing address of the owner, is deposited in the United States mail.
- (c) Upon the expiration of ten days after written notification of revocation is deposited in the United States mail as provided above, no person shall keep, maintain or harbor within the city limits any dog which has had its registration revoked.

(1972 Code, sec. 4.313; 2008 Code, sec. 2.04.002; Ordinance 2019-59, sec. 1, adopted 11-19-19)

### **Sec. 2.04.003 Fees**

**The fee to register each animal shall be \$0.00.**

(1972 Code, sec. 4.314; 2008 Code, sec. 2.04.003; Ordinance adopting 2017 Code; Ordinance 2019-59, sec. 1, adopted 11-19-19)

### **Sec. 2.04.004 Microchip requirement**

- a. A microchip will serve as the City's pet license, indefinitely.
- b. The owner of a dog or cat shall maintain current registration with both the microchip registration company and the City.
- c. If there is a change in contact information for the owner of a dog or cat with a registered microchip, the owner shall update contact information, including new address or telephone number, with both the City as well as the microchip registration company, if applicable, within 30 days of the date of the change in contact information.
- d. No person may use a microchip registration for any other animal than the one it has been issued to.

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- e. A dog or cat is exempt from this requirement if the dog or cat is deemed ineligible or determined to be medically unsuitable for a microchip by a licensed veterinarian, in writing. Proof of medical unsuitability for the microchip must be provided to the City within 30 days

#### **Sec. 2.04.005 Registration Records**

- a) The City shall maintain a current record of the microchip numbers of dog and cat registrations, and the names and addresses of persons to whom the microchip is issued/updated.