

## Animals At Large Code & Current Fines

### 5-3-4 Animals At Large

1. It shall be unlawful for any animal to be off the owner's property unless in compliance with the Leash Law in section 5-3-9 of this chapter.
2. Any officer observing an animal running at large in violation of this section shall have the authority to issue a citation to the animal's owner without first impounding the animal.
3. It shall be no defense that a person has exchanged animals since the date of the last offense. (Ord. 358-2019, 5-20-2019)

- Administrative Procedure:

1. In order to eliminate burdening the court system with violations of this chapter, and as a convenience to the public, a law enforcement officer or animal control officer may, in addition to or in lieu of impounding an animal running at large or being unlicensed, or in lieu of issuing a misdemeanor criminal citation for a violation of this chapter, issue to any person who is in violation of this chapter a notice of ordinance violation.
2. Any person receiving a notice of ordinance violation may pay, in addition to any required license fee or impound fees, a fixed penalty as set forth by resolution of the City Council from time to time. Such penalty and/or license fee and impound fees shall be paid to the City Clerk-Treasurer, in person or by mail, within ten (10) days of the issuance of the notice of ordinance violation.
3. In the event that a person does not make payment of the penalty and/or license and impound fees as set forth in this subsection C, a misdemeanor citation for violation of this chapter for which the notice of ordinance violation was given shall be issued.
4. No fine and/or tattooing requirement shall be suspended by any court of competent jurisdiction.

- Misdemeanor Violation: Any violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor punishable as provided in subsection 1-4-1A of this Code. (Ord. 358-2019, 5-20-2019)

### Current fines:

Fine for unlicensed dog	\$25 – 1 <sup>st</sup> offense
Fine for dog at large	\$50 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense
Fine for barking	\$100 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense