

## Chapter 56 - Dog and Cat Licensing Required

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### **56.01 Biannual License Required.**

1. Every owner of a dog or cat over the age of six months shall procure a license from the city clerk. Licensing will occur on even years biannually.
2. Such license may be procured after January 1 and at any time for a dog or cat which has come into the possession or ownership of the applicant or which has reached the age of six months after said date.
3. The owner of a dog or cat for which the license is required shall apply to the Clerk on forms provided by the City.
4. The form of the applicant shall state the breed, sex, age, color, markings, and name, if any, of the dog or cat, and address of the owner and shall be signed by the owner. The owner shall also provide a veterinarian's certificate indicating the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, and the date of the dog or cat shall be revaccinated.
5. Licensing and renewal will occur on even years. The Licensing period will provided for two year periods. Odd year licensing will be prorated.

**56.02 License Fees.** The biannual license fee shall be \$8.00 for neutered/spayed animals and \$10.00 for non spayed/nonneutered animals. The proceeds of the licensing fees will be used to offset stray/nuisance animal costs.

**56.03 Delinquency.** All license fees shall become delinquent on the first day of July of the year in which they are due and a delinquent penalty of one dollar shall be added to each unpaid license on and after said date.

**56.04 License Tags.** Upon receipt of the application and fee, the clerk shall deliver or mail to the owner a license which shall be in the form of a metal tag stamped with the serial number of the license as shown on the record book of the Clerk, the year in which it is issued, and the name of the city. The license tag shall be securely fastened by the owner to a collar of harness which shall be worn at all times by the dog or cat for which issued. A license issued for one dog or cat shall not be transferable to another dog or cat. Upon the expiration of the license the owner shall remove said tag from the dog or cat.

**56.05 License Records.** The clerk shall keep a book to be known as the record of licenses which shall show:

1. The serial number and ate of each application for a license.
2. The description of the dog or cat as specified in the application, together with the name of the owner of the animal.
3. The date when each license tag is issued and the serial number of each tag, the date of the most recent rabies vaccination and the date the dog or cat will be revaccinated.
4. The amount of all fees paid.
5. Such other data as may be required by law.

**50.06 Immunization.** Before a license is issued. The owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing that the dog or cat for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies, and that the vaccination does not expire within six months from the effective date of the license. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall at all times be attached to the collar of the dog or cat.

(Code of Iowa, Sec 351.33 and 351.35)

**56.07 Duplicate Tags.** Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license tag has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag on the payment of two dollars and the clerk shall enter in the license record the new number assigned.

**56.08 Transfers of licensed animals.** Upon transfer of a licensed dog or cat into the city, the owner shall surrender the original license tag to the clerk. The clerk shall preserve the surrendered tag and, without a license fee, issue a new license tag.

**56.09 Kennel Dogs.** Dogs kept in state or federally licensed kennels, which are kept or raised solely for a bona fide purpose of sale which are kept under constant restraint, are not subject to the provisions of this chapter.

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