

CHAPTER 205: ANIMAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I. DOGS AND CATS

SECTION 205.010: DEFINITIONS

The following words, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings set out herein:

DOGS OR CATS: All animals of the canine or feline species, both male and female.

EXPOSED TO RABIES: When bitten by, or fought with, or has come in close contact with a dog or other animal shown to be infected with the rabies virus as determined by standard laboratory testing.

OWNER OR KEEPER: Any person having a right of property in a dog or cat, or who keeps or harbors a dog or cat, or who has it in his/her care, or acts as its custodian, or who knowingly permits a dog or cat to remain on or about any premises owned or occupied by him/her.

PIT BULL DOG: Any and all of the following dogs:

1. The Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed of dogs.
2. The American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dogs.
3. The American Pit Bull Terrier breed of dogs.
4. Dogs which have the appearance and characteristics of being predominately of the breeds of the dogs known as Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier.

RESTRAINT: A dog is under restraint if it is on property of its owner or is under the immediate and effective control of a responsible person.

RUNNING AT LARGE: Allowing a dog or cat to be off the private premises of the owner or keeper, or his/her agent or servant, and not on a leash or confined to the arms, motor vehicle, trailer or other conveyance of the owner or keeper, his/her agent or servant.

SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY: Physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes serious disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part of the body.

SPAYED FEMALE DOG: A female dog certified by a licensed veterinarian to have been spayed.

TRESPASSER: A person upon the premises of the owner or keeper of the dog in question without license or privilege to be upon said premises.

VICIOUS DOG: Any of the following dogs:

- A. Any dog, whether or not running at large, and whether or not unrestrained, that without provocation has bitten any person not a trespasser causing serious physical injury to that person.

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- B. Any unrestrained dog, whether or not running at large, that without provocation has attempted to bite any person not a trespasser which would cause serious physical injury to that person.
- C. Any unrestrained dog, whether or not running at large, that without provocation has placed any person not a trespasser in apprehension of immediate serious physical injury.
- D. Any dog that has killed another dog, cat or other domestic animal without provocation.
- E. Dogs which at full maturity reach a shoulder height of over forty (40) centimeters or a weight of over twenty (20) kilograms. 15.7"
- F. Any dogs of the following breeds:
 - A. American Staffordshire Terrier.
 - B. Bull Terrier.
 - C. Chinesischer Kampfhund (Chinese fighting dog).
 - D. Chow.
 - E. Dobermann.
 - F. Pit Bull Terrier.
 - G. Rottweiler.
 - H. Staffordshire Bull Terrier. (Ord. No. 8.020 §1, 6-3-02)

SECTION 205.020: VACCINATION AND TAG

The owner or keeper of any dog in the City of Pilot Grove is hereby required to have such animals over the age of six (6) months vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before May first (1st) of each year; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until the April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration; and upon registration, the City Clerk shall issue a tag evidencing the registration and certificate of vaccination, and the owner or keeper shall securely attach the tag so issued to a collar to be worn continuously by the animal for which the tag was issued. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit such animal to remain in the City of Pilot Grove unless wearing the tag above provided for herein.

SECTION 205.021: PREREQUISITE FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

- A. No dog shall be registered by the City as required by these ordinances unless such dog has been immunized against rabies before his/her application for registration is made.