

Chapter 6.12
INJURED OR DISEASED ANIMALS

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6.12.010 Destruction of certain animals.

Law enforcement officers or Animal Control Officers of the City or anyone having the authority of an Animal Control Officer, as designated by the City Manager or Chief of Police, may kill any dog, cat, domestic animal or warm-blooded animal without notice to the owner thereof whether it bears the tag herein provided for or not, if such dog, cat, domestic animal or warm-blooded animal is deemed by said officer to be a vicious animal, or injured severely with no apparent chance of survival, or in such pain as to warrant humane destruction. The remains of any such animal so destroyed shall be preserved by such officers to permit a test to be conducted for rabies.

(History: Ord. DAC-2771 §6, 2009; DAC-697 §12, 72)

6.12.020 Disease control - Quarantine.

When rabies or other communicable diseases are known to exist in the community, or when it is known to exist in neighboring communities, the mayor may declare a quarantine of all dogs, cats, other domestic animals, and any other warm-blooded animals. It shall be the duty of the owner of the dog, cat, other domestic animal, and any other warm-blooded animal to keep such dog, cat, other domestic animal, and any other warm-blooded animal confined to the premises of such owner or keeper and under control.

(History: Ord. DAC-697 §13(A), 72)

6.12.030 Enforcement of quarantine.

It shall be the duty of all Animal Control Officers, or anyone having the authority of an Animal Control Officer, law enforcement officers, or those having the authority of law enforcement officers to enforce such quarantine. The City Manager and the Chief of Police shall have the right to deputize school guards and other persons as needed. Such deputized persons need not seize such animals but shall aid in determining the owner to the end that warrants of arrest can be issued against the violating owners.

(History: Ord. DAC-2771 §7, 2009; DAC-697 §13(B), 72)

6.12.040 Dead animals; duty to report.

It shall be unlawful for any person to put any dead animal in any street, avenue, alley, or other public place in the City; and it shall be the duty of the owner, keeper, and all persons having knowledge of any dead animal on public property in the City to immediately report the same to the City police department, giving the kind of animal and the place where the same may be found. It shall be the duty of the animal control officer, immediately upon receipt of such report, to remove or provide for the removal of such dead animal.

(History: Ord. DAC-1311 § 19, 85)

6.12.050 Removal of large dead animal.

It is the responsibility of the owner or proprietor of the premises to remove all deceased large animals within 12 hours after the death of such animal. If not so removed, the animal control supervisor shall cause the animal to be removed at actual cost to the owner or proprietor.

(History: Ord. DAC-1311 §20, 85)

6.12.060 Removal of small dead animal.

It shall be the responsibility of the owner of a deceased small animal to provide for its removal by private means.

(History: Ord. DAC-2771 §8, 2009; DAC-1311 §21, 85)

6.12.070 Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this chapter or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this chapter or any part thereof.

(History: Ord. DAC-1311 §22, 85)

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