

#### **6-4-10 Definitions**

*Community Services Officer* means an Animal Control Officer or a Code Enforcement Officer of the City as provided in Section 9-4-170 of this Code, as may be amended, and designated by the City to enforce the provisions of this Chapter or any other ordinance or law of the State pertaining to animals, and shall include police officers.

#### **6-4-100 Rabies vaccination required**

- a) Vaccination required. The owner or custodian of any dog, cat or potbellied pig six (6) months of age or older shall have such dog, cat or potbellied pig vaccinated against rabies by a licensed Colorado veterinarian, unless such owner or custodian presents to the animal control officer a written statement from a licensed Colorado veterinarian that vaccination against rabies would be detrimental to the health of such dog, cat or potbellied pig. Vaccinations must remain current.
- b) It shall be deemed unlawful to possess unvaccinated dog, cat or potbellied pig. It is unlawful for any person to possess any dog, cat or potbellied pig which has not been vaccinated for rabies as provided for in Subsection (a) above or which cannot be identified as having a current certificate of vaccination, subject to any exception in Subsection (a).

#### **6-4-230 Microchipping**

- e) Any impounded dog or cat who has been found running at large shall be required to have a unique identifying microchip implanted in the dog or cat by the contracted animal shelter or a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense. Evidence of such microchip implantation and the unique identifying microchip number shall be provided by the contracted animal shelter or veterinarian to the City's animal control officer(s) within ten (10) days of conviction or upon release of the dog or cat from impoundment, whichever is less.

#### **6-4-440 Accumulation of animals**

- a) Within the City limits, no person or household shall own or have custody of more than:
  1. Four (4) dogs of more than four (4) months of age;
  2. Four (4) cats of more than four (4) months of age;
  3. Four (4) rabbits of more than three (3) months of age;
  4. Two (2) potbellied pigs of more than three (3) months of age; or
  5. A total of four (4) dogs, cats, and/or rabbits of more than four (4) months of age in any combination
- b) In addition to the limits set forth above, no person or household shall own or have custody of more than ten (10) small animals such as guinea pigs, hamsters, caged birds or the like, more than four (4) months of age. Additional allowances for certain residential properties shall also be made for poultry and bee keeping as permitted in Section 6-4-900, as the same may be amended.
- c) No more than two (2) litters per household or one (1) litter per female, whichever is less, is allowed per 12 month period.

- d) If an owner or custodian who violates this Section has been convicted in the past two (2) years of possession or harboring of a vicious, aggressive or nuisance animal, the total number of animals permitted under this Section may be reduced by the Municipal Court to a total of two (2) animals in any combination.
- e) Unless otherwise specified in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) zone district, properties which are zoned for the keeping of livestock shall not exceed more than four (4) animals per acre. Properties which are smaller than five (5) acres shall not exceed more than one (1) animal per acre of land, and must have a minimum of one (1) acre of land to keep livestock.

#### **6-4-500 Improper treatment of animals**

(c) Unsafe tethering. It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal to tether any animal in such a manner that the animal may become entangled and unable to reach shelter or water, or in such a manner that the animal may be injured, strangled or otherwise caused to suffer.

- (1) Dogs or cats tethered on a raised surface must have constant direct human supervision.
- (2) Tethers must be attached to the animal by means of a well-fitted and non-tightening collar or loop with a swivel on the collar or non-tightening loop.
- (3) Tethers may not be attached directly to the dogs' neck.
- (4) Tethers attached to a 'fixed or stationary' point must be attached with a swivel, which prohibits the tether from twisting, tangling and wrapping upon itself.
- (5) Tethers must be of sufficient length to allow the animal access to shelter, water and freedom of movement from animal waste

#### **6-4-600 Impoundment; disposition; fees**

(h) Any impounded dog or cat who has been found running at large shall be required to have a unique identifying microchip implanted in the dog or cat by the contracted animal shelter or a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense. Evidence of such microchip implantation and the unique identifying microchip number shall be provided by the contracted animal shelter, veterinarian or the owner of the dog or cat, to the City's animal control officer(s) within ten (10) days of conviction or upon release of the dog or cat from impoundment, whichever is less.

(i) If proof is provided by the owner of the dog or cat, microchip implantation will be verified by the City's animal control officer(s) by utilizing a microchip scanner.

#### **8-6-40 Weeds and grass- notice to cut weeds and grass**

In addition to any other abatement, enforcement or other actions provided for in this Chapter, the City Manager or the Manager's designee is authorized to give notice to the owner or occupant of a lot, property, or tract, in accordance with Section 8-6-30, as amended, ordering the cutting of any weeds or grass which are in violation of Sections 8-8-20 and 8-8-30, as amended, to a height of no more than six (6) inches. The notice shall indicate that the owner or occupant has **ten (10)** days from the date of such notice to bring such lot or open area into compliance with this Article.

#### **8-6-60 Notice to maintain landscaping**

Sec. 8-6-60. – Notice to maintain landscaping.

The City Manager or the Manager's designee is authorized to give notice to the owner or occupant of a lot, property or tract, in accordance with Section 8-8-30, as amended, ordering that landscaping on the City's right-of-way be maintained in accordance with Section 8-8-10, as amended.

The notice shall indicate that the owner or occupant has **ten (10)** days from the date of such notice to bring such right-of-way into compliance with this Article.

#### **8-8-30 Weeds unlawful growth**

(b) It shall be the duty of every owner or occupant or the agent or representative thereof having control of any lot, property or tract which is one (1) acre or larger to cut, trim, remove or maintain any weeds and/or grass to a height of six (6) inches or less on that portion of such lot, property or tract located within twenty (20) feet of any adjacent developed residential, commercial, or industrial property; or dedicated street, or public right-of-way if the lot, property or tract is currently being used for agricultural purposes. If the lot, property, or tract is not currently growing an agricultural crop the entire lot, property, or tract must be maintained to a height of six (6) inches or less.

#### **8-8-150 Outdoor storage of materials**

(a) **Outdoor storage prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any residential property to store or keep outdoors on such property, or permit the outdoor storage or keeping on such property, of any materials not customarily stored outdoors in residential neighborhoods, regardless of whether or not the materials are sheltered, covered, placed upon a trailer, or placed within a carport or other partially enclosed structure. Materials inappropriate for outdoor storage or keeping on residential property shall include, for purposes of illustration but not limitation, any construction material, tires, machinery, furniture not manufactured for outdoor use, fixtures, and appliances.

(b) **Exceptions.** The prohibitions contained in this section shall not apply to:

1. Materials stored or kept within a completely enclosed building;
2. Construction materials used in the construction of a structure for which a building permit has been issued by the city; provided that such materials may not be stored for more than six (6) months, unless an extension of such time has been approved by the City Manager or designee.