

ANIMALS

NOTICE TO: SALEM RESIDENTS

The City has been receiving many complaints on dogs running at large, dogs barking, etc.

The following are a few sections of Ordinance No. 555 – Title 5.02 Animals – in which the City has been receiving complaints on:

5.0202 Limit in number of Animals. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, or household, in the limits of the City of Salem to own or possess more than three (3) domestic pets over the age of six (6) months, except birds and fish. Veterinarian officers and retail pet stores are exempt from the provisions of this section. Those domestic pets that are licensed by the city as of November 1, 2007 are exempt.

5.0203 Dogs and Cats at Large.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to permit or allow to run at large within the limits of the City of Salem any dog or cat, whether licensed or unlicensed, and any police officer or person of proper authority is hereby authorized and empowered to impound any such dog or animal found running at large in violation of this section.

B. Any dog or cat shall be deemed running at large within the meaning of this section when such animal is loose and not confined to the premises of the owner. However, a dog on a leash in the hands of an attendant or a dog which is loose but accompanied by its owner or an attendant, shall not be deemed running at large.

5.0204 Dogs Barking.

No person owning any dog, licensed or unlicensed, confined on the premises, or otherwise, shall permit such dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by continuous barking or making other loud or unusual noises.

Upon signed complaint to the Police Department that any person is keeping or harboring any dog which disturbs the peace as herein set forth, it shall be the duty of said Police Department to notify the owner of said dog in writing of said complaint, and after such owner has been given forty-eight (48) hours notice of such violation and the violation is continuing, any police officer or person of proper authority is hereby authorized and empowered to go upon the premises and impound any such dog or animal so disturbing the peace.

In addition to the costs of impounding such animal, including the costs of kenneling, or other penalties prescribed, the owner shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$25.00.

5.0205 Duty to clean up animal waste of dog or cat.

It shall be the duty of any person who owns or possesses any dog or cat to clean up and dispose of any animal feces produced by a dog or cat. If any dog or cat defecates on the private property of another person, or on public property, it shall be the duty of the owner or possessor of the dog or cat to immediately secure the feces and to remove it from the private property of another person, or public property, and to place the feces in an appropriate container or bag for permanent disposal.

All fecal matter produced by a dog or cat shall be disposed of before such fecal matter produces obnoxious odors, attracts flies or other vermin, or annoys the health, safety, repose, or comfort of the citizens of the City of Salem, or their neighbors.

Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by the laws set by Ordinance No. 555. If you have any questions, or would like to view a copy of the complete Animal Ordinance, it is posted on line at www.salemsd.com or contact City Hall by phone or e-mail (605) 425-230; citysalem@triotel.net.

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