



Update to City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance Chapter 6 – Animal Care and Control



City Council
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Proposed revision and additions

Approved by ACS Advisory Board on 11-02-2022



- Incorporate Intact Permit – Address over population by requiring spay and neuter unless intact permit is acquired by owner
- Pet Shop Prohibitions – Address puppy mills roadside seller and backyard breeders to promote adoption over buying
- Update to Local Rabies Control Authority –Clarify language per state law
- Length of Stay Updated – Allow ACS to disposition animal considered to be unowned, sick or injured
- Update to Aggressive and Dangerous Dog Section – Changes to owner requirements.
- Update Fee Schedule – In accordance with proposed changes



Intact Animal Permit



Current

- If an animal is found free of restraint ACS can issued a Mandatory Spay and Neuter order mandating owner sterilize animal within 30 days.
- Citation issued for failure to comply with order.
- Current process still allows for intact animals to roam freely in our community due to owner negligence
- Intact males and females are the most active animals to roam off their property.

Proposed

6-59 Intact Permit;

- **(a) Offenses.**
 - (1) A person commits an offense if the person owns, keeps, harbors or has custody of any dog or cat over six months of age that is intact unless such dog or cat is subject to a valid intact pet permit issued in accordance with this section.
 - (2) A person commits an offense if the person owns, harbors or has custody of an intact dog or cat at the residence or business property of an individual who has had an intact pet permit revoked under subsection (e) below, regardless of whether another person at the same property owns a dog or cat subject to a valid permit.
 - (3) A person commits an offense if the person advertises for sale within the city an unaltered dog or cat over six months of age and fails to include in such advertisement the identification number of the dog or cat's city-issued intact pet permit.



Intact Animal Permit Continued



Proposed

- (b) Application
 - (1) An application for an intact pet permit must be made on the form prescribed by the program manager.
 - Payment of application fee.
- Consideration (reason to deny)
 1. Fails or refuses to submit complete application.
 2. Fails or refuses to provide supporting documentation
 3. Fails or refuses to pay fee.
 4. Within 24 months has had violations of this Chapter or any state law for animal care.
 5. Resides at the same physical address as another individual whose permit has been revoked.
 6. If denied an appeal to Program Manager can be made with additional to Director.
- Revocation of Permit
 1. Has violations of this chapter or any state law relating to animal care and treatment.
 2. Fails to vaccinate any animals.
 3. Allows intact animals to roam free of restraint.
- Revocation can be appealed to Program Manager and then Director.
- Defense
 1. owner produces a signed, written opinion from a licensed veterinarian that the animal in question should not be spayed or neutered due to health concerns.
 2. Owner was not permanent resident and is keeping the animal within the city less than 60 days.



Pet Shop and Selling Prohibitions



Current

- **Pet shops with proper permit:** Allowed to sell dogs, cats, puppies and kittens

Proposed

- It shall be a violation of this chapter for a pet shop to sell or offer for sale a canine or feline.
- Pet Shops may provide a space for dogs and cats available for adoption only if they are from CCACS, or Rescue if there is a current and approved memorandum of understanding with CCACS.



Dangerous and Aggressive Dog Updates



Current

- Dangerous and Aggressive dog shall wear collar approved by department.
- Dangerous and Aggressive dog must be restrained by sturdy leash 6 feet in length.
- Owner shall post a sign(s) on their property warning of Dangerous or Aggressive dog.

Proposed

- Collar must be purchased at owner expense from department.
- Dangerous or Aggressive dog must be restrained by sturdy leash of 3 feet in length and purchased from Animal Care Services.
- Sign(s) shall be purchased from Animal Care Services.



LRCA and Length of Impoundment Update



Current

- Program Manager is designated as the Local Rabies Control Authority (LRCA)
- ACS must hold animals without owner information 3 days.
 - ACS is authorized to euthanize animals determined to be seriously injured or diseased regardless of length or stay requirements

Proposed

- Will allow Veterinarian and or Supervisor to be designated as LRCA (in writing) when Program Manager is unavailable
 - To ensure timely release of quarantined animals primarily
- In cases deemed necessary by the Animal Care Services Manager and/or the Animal Care Services On-Site Veterinarian, or the Animal Care Services Supervisor, an impounded animal without microchip or registration may be immediately transferred to the care of an Animal Rescue Organization when space, adequate medical care, or other resources are unavailable.



Fee Update and Time for Citizens to comply



- Dangerous/Aggressive Dogs
 - Collars (including replacements) - \$10
 - Leashes (including replacement) - \$15
 - Signs (including replacements) - \$20
- Intact Permit (yearly purchase and renewal) - \$100

- Updated fees will be effective beginning of October 1st 2023.
- This will allow education and time for residents to purchase permits or get their animal sterilized.



Modified definitions to support ordinance changes



- **Animal Rescue** - means a non-profit organization incorporated under the law of any state and exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and whose principal purpose is the prevention of cruelty to animals and whose principal activity is to rescue sick, injured, abused, neglected, unwanted, abandoned, orphaned, lost, or displaced animals and to adopt them to good homes. “Animal rescue organization” shall not include any entity that breeds animals or that (1) is located on the same premises as; (2) has any personnel in common with; (3) obtains, in exchange for payment or any other form of compensation, dogs or cats from; or (4) facilitates the sale of dogs or cats obtained from a person that breeds animals.

- **Intact Animal** – means an unaltered or unsterilized animal
- **Sell** – means to exchange for consideration, adopt out, barter, auction, trade, lease, or otherwise transfer
- **Prohibited Animals** – family Pythonidae (pythons). Moved out from scientific named “Boidae”



Questions?



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