

## Chapter 99. Animals

### § 99-4. Licensing of dogs and cats.

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- A. No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or cat within the City of Hudson unless such dog or cat is licensed as herein provided. Written application for a license shall be made to the City Clerk and shall state the name and address of the owner and the name, breed, color and sex of the dog or cat. No license shall be issued without proof of current rabies vaccination. The license fees shall be paid when making application, and a numbered receipt shall be given to the applicant. The Common Council shall set the fees.
- B. A yearly license shall be required for each:
  - (1) Neutered male or spayed female dog over the age of five months.
  - (2) Unneutered male or unspayed female dog over the age of five months.
  - (3) Neutered male or spayed female cat over the age of five months.
  - (4) Unneutered male or unspayed female cat over the age of five months.
- C. All dog and cat licenses shall be issued for one year beginning January 1. The full license fee shall be paid for any dog or cat more than five months of age on or before July 1 of the license year. Owners of dogs or cats becoming five months of age or entering the City of Hudson after July 1 shall pay 1/2 the applicable license fee.
- D. A late fee shall be collected if the owner fails to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or cat or on or before the date the dog or cat reaches a licensable age.
- E. Delinquent dog and cat license fees shall be collected in the manner specified in W.S.A. s. 74.11 for collection of personal property taxes. The Animal Control Officer and any police officer of the City may issue a citation and bring action in Municipal Court for failure to license as required by this chapter.
- F. Issuance of license. Upon receipt of the required fee and exhibition of the certificate of vaccination required, the City Clerk shall issue to such person a license to keep such dog or cat. Such person shall, upon procuring the metallic license, attach the tag to a collar which is worn by the dog. Cat owners must keep the tag and certificate available to show proof of ownership.
- G. If the metallic license tag issued for a dog or cat is lost, the owner may obtain a new tag upon the payment of a replacement fee.
- H. If there is a change in ownership of a dog or cat during the license year, the new owner may have the license transferred to his name upon the payment of an animal transfer fee.
- I. No person shall use any animal license, receipt or license tag issued for another animal.