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**10-101.Running at large prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any cows, swine, sheep, horses, mules or goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle or livestock, to knowingly or negligently permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley, or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. (1968 Code, § 3-101)

**10-102.Keeping near a residence or business restricted.** No person shall keep or allow any animal or fowl enumerated in the preceding section to come within one thousand (1,000) feet of any residence, place of business, or public street without a permit from the city manager. The city manager shall issue a permit only when in his sound judgment the keeping of such an animal in a yard or building under the circumstances as set forth in the application for the permit will not endanger the public health.

Any permit issued by the city manager shall be revoked by him when he has reasonable cause to believe that the public health will be endangered by allowing such permit to continue in effect.

Any person aggrieved by the city manager's action in granting, refusing, revoking, or failing to revoke any permit as provided in this section may appeal to the city council. (1968 Code, § 3-102)

**10-103. Pen or enclosure to be kept clean.** When animals or fowls are kept within the corporate limits, the building, structure, corral, pen or enclosure in which they are kept shall at all times be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. (1968 Code, § 3-103)

**10-104. Adequate food, water, and shelter, etc., to be provided.** No animal or fowl of any kind shall be kept or confined in any place where the food, water, shelter, and ventilation are not adequate and sufficient for the preservation of its health, safe condition, and wholesomeness for food if so intended. (1968 Code, § 3-104)

**10-105. Keeping in such manner as to become a nuisance prohibited.** No animal or fowl shall be kept in such a place or condition as to become a nuisance because of either noise, odor, contagious disease, or other reason. (1968 Code, § 3-105)

**10-106. Cruel treatment prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to unnecessarily beat or otherwise abuse or injure any dumb animal or fowl. (1968 Code, § 3-106)

**10-107. Seizure and disposition of animals.** Any animal or fowl found running at large or otherwise being kept in violation of this chapter may be seized by the health officer, by any police officer, or by the county rabies control officer and confined in the county animal pound.

Impounded animals shall be returned to the owner or otherwise disposed of in accordance with such rules and regulations as are applicable to animals impounded by the county.

In the event the city impounder apprehends any animal found running at large, in violation of Title 10 of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia, Tennessee, the animal may be disposed of by adoption or euthanization. Said adoption or euthanization shall in no event occur less than three (3) days after apprehension of said animal by the impounder.

If a dog found running at large is wearing tags as required by § 10-202 or if the impounder or shelter designee has knowledge of the owner of any animal, impounded, the impounder or shelter designee shall notify said owner by telephone or letter of the date said animal is scheduled to be placed for adoption or euthanized. The impounder or shelter designee shall use their best efforts to determine the owner of such animal. In the event the impounder or shelter designee after using their best efforts are still unable to determine the identity of the owner of said animal, no further notice beyond the provisions of this section

shall be required prior to said action. (1968 Code, § 3-107, as amended by Ord. #3248, Aug. 1998)

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**10-201. Rabies vaccination, unvaccinated dogs running at large, and city license required.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor or to allow a dog belonging to him or under his control, or that may be habitually found on the premises occupied by him or immediately under his control, without having the same registered and licensed by the City of Columbia, and vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated. It shall also be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor or to allow any dog to go upon the premises of another, or upon a highway or upon public road or street unless said dog shall be vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, and registered and licensed by the City of Columbia. Provided, further, that any resident who has knowledge of an owner of a dog, which is in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 44-8-408, may sign a warrant in the City Court of the City of Columbia and prosecute said warrant for violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 44-8-408 in the City Court of the City of Columbia. (1968 Code, § 3-201)

**10-202. Dogs to wear tags.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor any dog which does not wear the tags evidencing rabies vaccination and city licensing as required in this chapter, provided show dogs may be marked in a concealed manner. (1968 Code, § 3-202)

**10-203. Confinement of dogs suspected of being rabid.** When a dog has bitten any person or is suspected of having bitten any person or is for any reason suspected of being infected with rabies, the city manager or health officer may cause such dog to be confined or isolated for such time as such officer reasonably deems necessary. (1968 Code, § 3-203)

**10-204. Certain dogs to be securely restrained.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog known to be vicious, dangerous, or destructive

unless such dog is so confined and/or otherwise securely restrained as to reasonably provide for the protection of other animals, persons, and property.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any female dog in heat to allow such dog to run at large. (1968 Code, § 3-204)

**10-205.Noisy dogs prohibited.** No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog which, by loud and frequent barking, whining, or howling, annoys or disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood. (1968 Code, § 3-205)

**10-206.City impounder.** The city manager is authorized to appoint or designate a city impounder and to assign the impounder such assistants as required. The impounder is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter by apprehending any animal found running at large, contrary to the provisions of this chapter. Any animal so impounded shall be taken to the county shelter or other shelter designated by the city manager for disposition. The impounder is specifically authorized and it shall be his duty to be the prosecuting witness in cases in municipal court for violations of this chapter. (1968 Code, § 3-206)

**10-207.Violations.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1968 Code, § 3-208)

**10-208.Dogs not allowed to run at large.**<sup>1</sup> It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia, Tennessee, to allow a dog belonging to him, or under his control, or that may be habitually found on premises occupied by him, or immediately under his control, to go upon the premises of another, or upon a highway or upon a public road or street, unless being moved from one place to another, by a person owning or controlling said dog. Violation of this section shall be punished as set forth in § 10-208. (1968 Code, § 3-209)

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1 State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 68-8-108 and 68-8-109.