

**Chapter 606
Animals**

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CROSS REFERENCES
Dog Law generally see MCL 287.261 et seq.
Registration and identification of Dogs see MCL 287.301 et seq.
Use of firearms to control pests - see GEN. OFF. 690.05

606.01 PROHIBITED ANIMALS

- A. "Annoying Animals" No person shall harbor or keep any animal or bird which causes annoyance or disturbance in a neighborhood, by making sounds common to its species or otherwise, or which endangers the safety of any person or property.
- B. "Penalty" a person who violates this section is responsible for a municipal civil infraction pursuant to Chapter 203.

606.02 CONFINEMENT TO PREMISES

The owner or custodian of any animal or bird shall keep such animal or bird confined to his or her own premises if necessary to avoid annoyance or disturbance in the neighborhood.

606.03 ACCESS TO PUBLIC WAYS AND PLACES

No person shall tie, stake or fasten any animal in such a manner that the animal has access to any portion of any street, alley or public place.

606.04 REMOVAL OF DEFECACTION

No owner or person having custody of any dog, cat or other animal shall permit such dog, cat or other domestic animal to defecate on any school grounds, public street, alley, sidewalk, tree, lawn, park, or other public grounds or private property in the City, other than on the premises or such owner or person, unless such defecation is removed immediately.

606.05 DOGS

- A. Application of State Law. No person shall violate any law of the State pertaining to dogs, or any rule or regulation pertaining to dogs adopted by any state agency.
- B. License Required. Any dog subject to license, which dog is not licensed, is a nuisance and may be impounded in the County Animal Shelter.
- C. Running at Large. Any dog, licensed or unlicensed, which is not attached to a leash, and which is running at large in public places or private property, other than the premises of the

owner or person having custody of such dog, may be impounded in the County Animal Shelter. When any dog is running at large, the owner or custodian may be notified by the City of a violation of this section, and after three such notices, the dog may be taken from the owner or custodian and impounded. This subsection shall not apply to City parkland which has been designated as an off-leash area by resolution of the City Council and so posted by sign.

606.06 CATS

- A. Application of State Law. No person shall violate any law of the State pertaining to cats, or any rule or regulation pertaining to cats adopted by any state agency.
- B. Running at Large. The owner or custodian of a cat which is not spayed or neutered shall not permit the cat to run at large in public places or on private property, other than the premises of the owner or person having custody of such cat.

606.07 CHICKENS OR DUCKS

Chickens and Ducks may be kept according to the following conditions:

- A. A maximum of eight (8) female chickens (hens) or ducks may be kept per parcel. Male chickens (roosters) are prohibited.
- B. Slaughtering of chickens or ducks outdoors is prohibited.
- C. Chickens or ducks shall remain within a fully enclosed shelter with an optional covered fenced enclosure in the rear yard and shall not be located within 25 feet of a dwelling on a neighboring parcel.
- D. Chickens and Ducks shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free from rodents, vermin and disagreeable odors.
- E. No chicken or duck shall be kept on parcels with more than one dwelling.

606.08 FEEDING DEER, WILD TURKEYS AND OTHER WILD MAMMALS

No person may place or permit placement within the city any fruit, berries, grain, vegetables, nuts, salt or other edible material, or bait, which may reasonably be expected to attract or feed deer, wild turkeys or other wild mammals. The foregoing prohibition does not apply to naturally growing materials from fruit trees, trees, shrubs, crops, flowers, gardens producing fruit or vegetables for household consumption, bird feeders at least four (4) feet off the ground and vegetation. The foregoing prohibition also does not apply to the feeding of domestic pets, nor chickens or ducks kept in compliance with this Chapter 606. (Ord. 15-10 Passed 10-6-15)

606.99 PENALTY

Any violation of this Chapter for which no penalty is stated shall be considered a municipal civil infraction pursuant to Chapter 203.

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