

CHAPTER 2

Animals

ARTICLE 1

DOGS, CATS LICENSES

Sec. 2-1-1 License Displayed

Each dog and cat within the Town shall be licensed, and shall at all times have upon its collar around its neck, its current license tag. (Ord. 164 Sec. 1)

Sec. 2-1-2 License Expiration

The license of each dog and cat within the Town shall expire the 31st day of December each year, and a new such license shall be required on the first day of January each year. (Ord. 164 Sec. 2)

Sec. 2-1-3 License Fee

The license fee for each dog and cat shall be as follows:

- a. One Dollar (\$1.00) per year for each neutered dog or cat.
- b. Two Dollars (\$2.00) each year for each dog or cat, not neutered. (Ord 84-2-1 Sec. 6)

Sec. 2-1-4 Form of License

Licenses for dogs or cats shall be in the form of a tag available from the Clerk-Treasurer

of the Town of Pierceton, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk-Treasurer to have licenses for dogs and cats available. All license fees for dogs and cats shall be paid to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Pierceton. (Ord. 164 Sec. 4)

Sec. 2-1-5 Fees, Non-Licensed Animals

The Animal Control Officer of the Town shall pick up and hold any dog or cat which is running at large or which is unlicensed, and shall dispose of such animal as provided within this article. In the event that a dog or cat is picked up and held by an Animal Control Officer of the Town for running at large, the following fee must be paid to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town before the Animal Control Officer of the Town may release such dog or cat to its owner:

a. If it is the first time that such dog or cat has been picked up and held by the Animal Control Officer for running at large, the fee is Five Dollars (\$5.00).

b. If it is the second time that such dog or cat has been picked up and held by the Animal Control Officer for running at large, the fee is Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

c. At the third and subsequent time that such dog or cat is picked up and held by the Animal Control Officer, the fee is Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). (Ord. 164 Sec. 5)

Sec. 2-1-6 Animal Control Officer, Duties

The Animal Control Officer of the Town of Pierceton shall as soon as is expedient to the Animal Control Officer deliver any such animals picked up by him to the Humane Society of Kosciusko County Shelter. If the animal has been transferred to the Humane Society of Kosciusko County Shelter, then the fees provided in Section 5 hereinabove shall not be required to be paid to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town, and any individual owning any such animal, shall pay to the Humane Society Shelter the fees fixed by such Shelter for the return of any such animal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each time the Animal Control Officer of the Town transfers any such animal to the Humane Society of Kosciusko County Shelter, it shall be considered in determining the fees hereunder any subsequent time that the Officer picks up such animal and holds the same. For example: If the Animal Control Officer for the Town shall pick up any animal for running at large and transfers such animal to the Humane Society of Kosciusko County Shelter, the owner of any such animal will pay the fees required of the Humane Society of Kosciusko County Shelter, and shall not make any payment to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town for the holding of the animal. If such animal is picked up again by the Animal Control Officer of the Town, and the owner thereof appears to claim such animal, then the owner thereof would be required to pay the fee to the Town Clerk-Treasurer, which is required for the pick-up and holding of an animal the second time, i.e. Ten Dollars (\$10.00). (Ord. 164 Sec. 6)

Sec. 2-1-7 Animal Control Officer, Defined

For the purpose of this article, the Town Marshal, the Deputy Town Marshal, and any person employed as Animal Control Officer by the Town, shall all be considered Animal Control Officers of the Town with the responsibilities and duties placed upon the Animal Control Officer herein. (Ord. 164 Sec. 7)

Sec. 2-1-8 Expired License

Any dog or cat whose license has expired is considered an unlicensed dog or cat. (Ord. 164 Sec. 8)

Sec. 2-1-9 Unlicensed Dog or Cat, Unlawful

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog or cat in the Town which dog or cat is unlicensed. (Ord. 164 Sec. 9)

ARTICLE 2

KENNELS

Sec. 2-2-1 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in this article:

- a. Animal: Animal shall mean dog or cat.
- b. At Large: Any animal shall be deemed to be At Large when it is off its keeper's real property and not restrained or controlled by a person.
- c. Cat: All domesticated members of the genus, felis, male or female.
- d. Kennel:
 - i) An Owner is considered as operating a Kennel, without regard to whether such person is holding animals for breeding, resale, training, sport or pleasure purposes, when