

### **Hollister Police Animal Services**

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### **Common City of Hollister Animal Ordinances**

**6.08.040 - Vaccination required** - No person shall own, possess, maintain or have control of any dog over the age of four months within the city that has not been vaccinated at intervals of not less than one year and not more than three years by a licensed veterinarian with a canine antirabies vaccine, approved by the health officer.

**6.08.120 - License required** - No person, hereinafter called "owner," shall own, possess, maintain, harbor or have control of any dog over the age of four months within the city for a period in excess of 30 days, unless such dog is licensed as provided in this chapter. Every owner so having any dog over the age of four months shall apply for a license for such dog and shall pay a license fee which shall be fixed by the city council from time to time by resolution. License fees shall be paid to the city tax collector or the animal control officer, who shall, for this purpose, be a deputy tax collector. Such licenses shall be issued for a term of one or three years and shall only be issued pursuant to a current rabies vaccination valid throughout the license period.

**6.08.060 - Noise disturbances caused by dog declared a nuisance** - No person shall permit or allow any dog under his or her ownership or control to howl, bark, or in any other manner cause frequent or long continued noise which results in annoyance or discomfort to two or more reasonable persons of normal sensitiveness who reside in separate residences, including apartments and condominiums. Such conduct on the part of any dog is declared to be a public nuisance. The animal control officer may proceed on the basis of a complaint of only one person if circumstances are determined to exist whereby a noise disturbance caused by a dog affects only one person. Any noise from a dog which is audible continuously for ten minutes or intermittently for 30 minutes shall be prima facie evidence of such annoyance or discomfort. Factors which can be used to evaluate excessive animal noise include, but are not limited to, pitch, pattern, and frequency of occurrence.

**6.08.010 - Running at large prohibited** - Except in a dog park authorized pursuant to Chapter 12.32, it is unlawful for any person owning or having charge, care or control of any dog, whether licensed and vaccinated or not, to suffer or permit any such dog to run at large on any public street, road, alley, park, square or place, or on any vacant or unenclosed lot or land within the city. A dog shall be deemed running at large unless led or restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length attached to the dog's collar or harness and actually held by a person or made fast to a stationary object.

**6.08.030 - Keeping more than three dogs in certain areas prohibited** - It is unlawful for any owner to keep more than three dogs over the age of four months each in any place in the city within 250 feet of any dwelling house in use or occupied by human beings, other than the dwelling house belonging to the owner of the dogs.

**6.20.030 - Mandatory spaying, neutering of restricted dogs** - A. The following breeds of dogs are "restricted dogs," and are subject to the mandatory spay, neutering, and unaltered dog license requirements of this chapter: 1. Chihuahuas, as defined in Section 6.20.010; and 2. Pit Bulls, as defined in Section 6.20.010.

**6.04.070 - Restrictions on keeping of poultry, rabbits and other small fur-bearing animals** – No more than six live poultry, rabbits, or other fur-bearing animals, excluding cats, over four months of age shall be kept on any premises which are in a residential zone. All poultry and rabbits shall be kept, harbored and maintained not less than five feet from all lateral and rear property lines, unless there is a solid fence, solid side of a building or wall not less than five feet in height between such poultry or rabbits and the adjoining property; except that where the property line abuts upon an alley, the distance requirement may be dispensed with.

**6.04.120 - Fowl or animals which disturb peace by any sound or cry declared a nuisance** - It is declared to be a nuisance, and no person shall keep, maintain or cause or permit to be kept or maintained upon any premises in any residential or commercial districts in the city, any crowing rooster, peacock, guinea fowl or any other fowl or animal which by any sound or cry shall unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of any neighborhood.