

## CHAPTER 4 – ANIMALS

### Sec. 4-4. License and impound fees.

(a) The annual license fee shall be that set by the County Board of Supervisors for unincorporated Maricopa County which shall be paid for each Dog four months of age or over that is kept, harbored or maintained within the boundaries of the City for at least thirty (30) consecutive days of each calendar year. License fees shall be payable in the same manner as imposed by the County Board of Supervisors for unincorporated Maricopa County. The licensing period shall not exceed the period of time for revaccination as designated by the State veterinarian. License fees shall be paid within ninety days to the County Treasurer or its authorized representatives. A penalty fee set by the County Board of Supervisors shall be added to the license fee in the event that application is made subsequent to the date on which the dog is required to be licensed under the provisions of this ordinance. This penalty shall not be assessed against the applicants who furnish adequate proof that the dog to be licensed has been in their possession or in the City less than thirty consecutive days.

(b) Durable dog tags shall be provided by the County. Each dog licensed under the terms of this chapter shall receive, at the time of licensing, such a tag on which shall be inscribed the name of the county, the number of the license, and the date on which it expires. The tag shall be attached to a collar or harness which shall be worn by the dog at all times while running at large, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Whenever a dog tag is lost, a duplicate tag shall be issued upon application by the owner and the payment of a fee to the County.

(c) The County Board of Supervisors may provide license fees that are lower for dogs permanently incapable of procreation. An applicant for a license for a dog claimed to be incapable of procreation shall furnish adequate proof satisfactory to the County that such a dog has been surgically altered to permanently incapable of procreation.

(d) Any person who fails within fifteen days after written notification from the enforcement agent to obtain a license for a dog required to be licensed, counterfeits or attempts to counterfeit an official dog tag, or removed such tag from any dog for the purpose of willful and malicious mischief or places a dog tag upon a dog unless the tag was issued for that particular dog is guilty of a class two misdemeanor.

(Code 1977, § 7-1-6)

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