502. Dogs and Cats

502.01 License Required. No person shall own, keep, harbor any dog or cat over the age of three months within the city unless a license has first been secured. Licenses shall be issued by the city administrator for a fee as set forth in Section 210. Each person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or cat shall pay the license fee imposed to the city administrator on or before the first day in January in each year, upon acquiring ownership or possession of any unlicensed dog or cat. Every application for a license shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog or cat to be licensed has been given a vaccination against rabies within a period of one year preceding the application for license.

502.02 Tags. The city administrator shall also procure a sufficient number of suitable metallic tags, the shape of which shall be different for each license year, and he shall deliver one appropriate tag to the owner when the fee is paid. The owner shall cause the tag to be affixed by a permanent metal fastener to the collar of the dog or cat.

502.03 Running at Large.

Subd. 1. Prohibited. No person who owns, keeps, or harbors any dog or cat, whether licensed or not, shall permit or allow the dog or cat to run at large.

Subd. 2. Leash. The provisions of Subdivision 1 shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog or cat upon the streets, public places, or public property of the city when the dog or cat is on a leash and is kept under the control of an accompanying person.

Subd. 3. Beach. No dog or cat running at large or on a leash shall be permitted or allowed upon the City beaches.

502.04 Enforcement. Any dog or cat not licensed as required by 502.01, or any dog or cat in violation of 502.04 may be impounded pursuant to 502.07.

502.05 Dog Pound and Dog Catcher. The council shall, from time to time, designate a place as city dog pound where suitable arrangements are made for keeping and maintaining any dogs or cats which may be seized or taken into custody by any officer of the city, pursuant to this chapter. The council shall, from time to time, appoint an official dog catcher and poundmaster, who shall have the authority of a police officer of the city insofar as necessary or proper in the enforcement of this chapter. Such dog catcher and poundmaster shall subscribe an oath and give each bond as the council may determine. They shall have such compensation as the council shall determine.

502.06 Impounding.

Subd. 1. Procedure. The animal control personal or the police officers of the city may impound any dog or cat found without the license tag required by 502.03, any dog or cat harbored or kept in violation of this code, and any dog or cat running at large or

otherwise in violation of 502.04. Any dog or cat impounded shall be immediately delivered to the pound master, and the Public Works Department shall be notified immediately. The Public Works Department shall give written notice of the impounding to the owner of the dog or cat, or if the owner is unknown or cannot be found, he shall post notice of the impounding in one or more conspicuous places in the city. The notice shall describe the dog or cat by sex, color, and breed, and shall include a statement that if the dog or cat is not redeemed on or before a specified date, which shall be not less than five business days after giving notice, except in the case of a feral cat (a cat which exhibits behavior indicating fear and/or aggressiveness towards humans and does not show signs of having received domestic care from humans recently) which shall be for three days, the dog or cat will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Subd. 2. Redemption. Any impounded dog or cat may be redeemed by the owner by the date specified pursuant to Subdivision 1 by paying an impound fee as set forth in Section 210, plus the daily boarding charge for each day. No unlicensed dog or cat shall be released by the pound master unless a license is first procured. A rabid dog or cat may not be redeemed but shall be destroyed immediately.

Subd. 3. Disposal. Any impounded dog or cat not redeemed by the date specified pursuant to Subdivision 1 may be sold. Any impounded dog or cat not redeemed or sold shall be humanly disposed of by the pound master. **(Ordinance No. 339, Adopted 1/12/2012)**

502.07 Bites. Whenever any person owning, possessing, or harboring any dog or cat shall learn that the dog or cat has bitten any human being, the person shall immediately impound said dog or cat in a place of confinement where it cannot escape or have access to any human being or other animal, and shall also immediately notify the chief of police. Whenever the chief of police shall learn that any human being has been bitten by any dog or cat he shall ascertain the identity of such dog or cat, and the person owning, possessing, or harboring it, and shall immediately direct the person to forthwith confine the dog or cat. Any dog or cat so confined shall be kept continuously so confined for a period of fourteen days from the day the dog or cat bit a human being. The chief of police shall cause the confined dog or cat to be periodically inspected for rabies by a qualified person. If the dog or cat is found to be rabid, it shall be immediately destroyed.

502.08 Muzzling. If the Mayor determines that such action is necessary to protect the public health and safety because of the prevalence of rabies, the mayor may issue a proclamation ordering every person owning, keeping, or harboring a dog to confine it securely on his premises unless it is muzzled so that it cannot bite. Every person owning, keeping, or harboring a dog shall comply with the proclamation. Any dog off the owner's premises may be summarily destroyed by the dog catcher or police officers, during the period of time fixed in the proclamation.

502.09 Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dogs.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The City of Detroit Lakes hereby adopts by reference the definitions provided in Minn. Stat. 347.50 as now in effect or as may be hereafter amended.

Subd. 2. Dangerous Dogs. The Owner of a dangerous dog must comply with the requirements of Min. Stat. 347.50 through 347.54 as now in effect or as may be hereafter amended.

Subd. 3. Procedure For Designating A Dog As Potentially Dangerous Or Dangerous.

A. Authorized Personnel. "Authorized personnel" as used in this section, shall mean a Detroit Lakes Animal Control Officer or the Chief of Police (or designee).

B. Authority. Authorized Personnel shall have the authority based upon their professional judgment to designate a dog as potentially dangerous or dangerous as defined in state law or in this section.

C. Notice of Designation. Upon a designation by Authorized Personnel that a dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous, the city shall provide notice of the designation to the dog's Owner by serving a designation notice upon the Owner in the same manner as provided for service of civil process or by certified mail with return receipt requested. Mailed notice shall be effective two days after mailing to the Owner's last known address. The designation notice shall include the following:

1) A description of the dog designated as potentially dangerous or dangerous;

2) The factual basis for that determination;

3) The name of the Authorized Personnel making the determination;

4) Notice of requirement for registration within 14 days;

5) Notice of right to appeal.

D. Immediate compliance with state law. Upon notification that a dog has been designated as dangerous or potentially dangerous, the dog's Owner must comply with state law requirements for muzzling and confining it in an enclosure.

Subd. 4. Appeal. The Owner of the dog may appeal the designation by a written appeal statement received at the office of the City Administrator within ten (10) day after the designation notice is served upon the Owner. The appeal statement must include a summary statement as to why the dog should not be declared potentially dangerous or dangerous as the case may be.

A. Hearing. The City Administrator shall hold a hearing within Fourteen (14) days after receipt of the appeal statement. Within Ten (10) business days after conclusion of the hearing, the City Administrator shall make written findings of fact and a written decision as to whether the dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous pursuant to this code.

B. Findings. The City Administrator's findings and decision must be served upon the dog's Owner in the same manner as the designation notice provided above. Notice of the decision is effective upon delivery or mailing.

C. Court appeal. The decision of the City Administrator is final but may be appealed by a writ of certiorari to the district court within 30 days after notice of the decision.

D. Compliance. If the City Administrator upholds the designation made by Authorized Personnel, the dog's Owner must comply with requirements of state law and this ordinance.

Subd. 5. Designation.

A. Any dog inside the Detroit Lakes city limits may be designated as a potentially dangerous dog if the dog:

1) When unprovoked inflicted bites on a human or domestic animal on public or private property;

2) When unprovoked, chases or approaches a person, including a person on a bicycle, upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public or private property, other than the dog owner's property, in an apparent attitude of attack; or

3) Has a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, causing injury or otherwise threatening the safety of humans or domestic animals.

B. Any dog within the Detroit Lakes city limits may be designated as a dangerous dog if the dog has:

1) Without provocation, inflicted substantial bodily harm on a human being on public or private property;

2) Killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property;

3) Been found to be potentially dangerous, and after the owner has notice that the dog is potentially dangerous, the dog aggressively

bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

Subd. 6. Registration Requirements. No potentially dangerous dog or dangerous dog shall be kept in the City of Detroit Lakes unless the owner, at his or her own cost, has implanted a microchip in the dog, containing the owners address and home telephone number, work telephone number, and cell phone number, if applicable, and a back-up contact name and telephone number and chip identification number and has completed an application to register the dog as a potentially dangerous or a dangerous dog and submitted said application to the Detroit Lakes Street & Park Department. In addition, the owner shall be required to post a sign, satisfactory to the Chief of Police or Animal Control Officer, at owner's residence notifying the public of the presence of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog.

Subd. 7. Application Contents.

A. The application to register the dog, as a potentially dangerous dog shall include the following:

1) The owner's address and home, work and cell phone numbers and the implanted microchip identification number, as well as a back-up contact person and number;

2) Proof of continuing liability insurance in a single incident amount of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damage to property owned by any persons, which may result from the ownership, keeping, or maintenance of dogs designated as potentially dangerous;

3) Proof that said dog has been sterilized and has current vaccinations; and

4) A yearly registration fee of two hundred dollars ($200.00).

B. The application to register the dog, as a dangerous dog shall include the following:

1) The owner's address and home, work and cell phone telephone number and the implanted microchip identification number, as well as a back-up contact person and number;

2) Proof of continuing liability insurance in a single incident amount of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damage to property owned by any persons which may result from the ownership, keeping, or maintenance of dogs designated as dangerous;

3) Proof that said dog has been sterilized and has current vaccinations; and

4) A yearly registration fee of five hundred dollars ($500.00).

Subd. 8. Yearly Registration Requirement. All dogs designated as potentially dangerous dogs or dangerous dogs shall file a new application each year with an accompanying registration fee.

Subd. 9. Additional Requirements for Dangerous Dogs. In addition to filing a yearly application to register a dangerous dog and paying the accompanying yearly registration fee of five hundred dollars ($500.00), the owner of a dangerous dog shall keep the dog, while on the owner's property, in a proper enclosure. If the dog is outside an enclosure, the dog must be securely muzzled and restrained by a chain or leash and under the physical restraint of a competent adult. The owner of a dangerous dog shall also comply with the requirements of Minnesota statute 347.52 including the statute's sterilization requirements.

Subd. 10. Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dogs Brought Into The City. Any dog designated as potentially dangerous or dangerous by another jurisdiction must be registered within twenty four (24) hours of being brought into the city limits of the City of Detroit Lakes. Such registration shall be with the Detroit Lakes Street & Park Department. A dog declared potentially dangerous by another jurisdiction may be brought into the city limits of Detroit Lakes for up to a fourteen (14) day period after notifying the Detroit Lakes Street & Park Department of: the dog's breed, location where the animal will be kept, microchip number, owner contact information, and length of stay.

Subd. 11. Penalties.

A. It shall be a misdemeanor offense to:

1) Be an owner, or be in possession of a potentially dangerous dog in violation of the registration requirements set forth in this section;

2) Allow a dangerous dog to "run at large". A dog designated as potentially dangerous must be leashed and be under the control of a competent adult at all times when off the owner's property.

B. Dogs in violation of registration requirements will be impounded immediately by the Animal Control Officer and held until brought into compliance, if found running at large, or if in custody on a rabies hold. If a dog is not brought into compliance within fourteen (14) days of notification by the Detroit Lakes Street & Park Department of its designation as a potentially dangerous dog, the dog will be impounded and held until brought into compliance with this section. If not brought

into compliance within five (5) working days after impoundment, the dog may be euthanized. The owner of said dog is responsible for boarding and expenses associated with this process.

(Ordinance No. 301, Adopted 11/14/2006)
(Ordinance No. 539, Adopted 5/13/2025)

503. Animals

503.01 Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare arising from the keeping or escape of farm animals, poultry and non-domesticated animals, animal bites or disease transmission.

503.02 Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter, the terms defined shall have the following meaning:

Subd. 1. Farm Animals. Cattle, buffalo, horses, mules, sheep, goats, swine , ponies, llamas, mink, honey bees, and other animals that are typically or customarily kept for purposes of agriculture and farm animal husbandry;

Subd. 2. Poultry. Chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, guinea hens, turkeys, emus and ostriches;

Subd. 3. Non-Domestic Animals. Any wild animal, reptile or fowl which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild- nature or disposition or which because of its size, vicious nature, or other characteristics would constitute a danger to human health, safety or property, including but not limited to the following:

A. Any skunk, whether captured in the wild, domestically raised, de-scented or not de-scented, vaccinated against rabies or not vaccinated against rabies;

B. Any large cat of the family Fedliae such as lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars and ocelots, except commonly accepted domesticated house cats;

C. Any member of the family Canidae, such as wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingos and jackals, except domesticated dogs;

D. Any crossbreed such as the crossbreeds between dogs and coyotes and coyotes or dogs and wolves but does not include crossbred domesticated animals;

E. Any poisonous snake, such as a rattle snake, coral snake, water moccasin, puff adder, cobra;

F. Any boa constrictor or snake or reptile which by its size, vicious nature or other characteristic is dangerous to human beings;

G. Any raccoon, ferret, mink or weasel;

H. Any bear, ape, gorilla, monkey or badger;

I. Any other animal or reptile which is not listed explicitly above but

which can be reasonably defined in this section;

Subd. 4. Sterilized. Sterilized means a surgical or chemical procedure performed by a licensed veterinarian that renders a dog or cat permanently incapable of reproducing. **(Ordinance No. 455, Adopted 12/10/2019)**

503.03 Keeping.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, or harbor within the City of Detroit Lakes any of the following animals;

A. Any animals or species prohibited by Minnesota Statute or Federal Law;

B. Any farm animals or poultry except chickens as permitted under Section 503.05;

C. More than two dogs or two cats more than three months old. Any combination thereof shall not exceed two animals, unless all of the animals are sterilized. If all animals are sterilized, more than three dogs or three cats more than three months old are prohibited. Any combination thereof shall not exceed three sterilized animals; **(Ordinance No. 539, Adopted 5/13/2025)**

D. Any non-domesticated animals or species as defined in Chapter 503.02 (Subd. 3); **(Ordinance No. 539, Adopted 5/13/2025)**

503.04 Exceptions.

Subd. 1. The following are exempt from this Ordinance:

A. Small non-poisonous snakes, birds kept indoors, hamsters, mice, rabbits, guinea pigs, lizards and similar small animals capable of being kept in cages continuously; **(Ordinance No. 539, Adopted 5/13/2025)**

B. Monkeys kept by handicapped persons as personal helpers;

C. Animals kept by volunteers for a public zoo, teachers, or otherwise any bona-fide research institution or veterinary hospital provided such animals are safely kept and do not create a nuisance.

D. Keeping of chickens on single family lots only in an "R-1", "R-2", or "R- A" districts as allowed by a permit issued by the City of Detroit Lakes and subject to the provisions set forth in City Code 503.05 **(Ordinance No. 455, Adopted 12/10/2019)**

503.05 Chickens. (Ordinance No. 455, Adopted 12/10/2019)

Subd.1. Chickens Limited. It is unlawful for any person to own, control, keep, maintain or harbor chickens in the City unless issued a permit by the City as provided herein. No permit shall be issued for the keeping or harboring of more than four (4) chickens on any premises. The keeping of roosters is prohibited.

Subd. 2. Definitions. The term "At Large" shall be intended to mean a chicken out of its chicken run, off the premises or not under the custody and control of the owner. The term "Chicken" means a female chicken or hen. The term "Chicken Coop" means a structure providing housing for chickens made of wood or other similar materials that provides shelter from the elements. The term "Chicken Run" means a fenced outside yard for the keeping and exercising of chickens. The term "Owner" shall mean the resident, property owner, custodian or keeper of any chicken. The term "Premises" means any tract of land upon which a residential structure is constructed, including but not limited to a platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcels or tracts of land.

Subd. 3. Permit. No person shall maintain a chicken coop and/or chicken run unless granted a permit by the City. Permits shall be issued only upon written application filed with the City. No permit shall issue unless the applicant agrees in the permit application that the permit holder will pay the reasonable costs, disbursements and attorney fees incurred by the City in enforcing the provisions of the permit or any violation of the permit. The permit shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this Section and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the City to protect the public, health, safety and welfare. The necessary permit may be obtained from the City Administration office. Prior to issuance of the permit the applicant shall provide a scaled diagram that indicates the location of any chicken coop and run, and the approximate size and distance from adjoining structures and property lines. A permit for the keeping of chickens may be revoked or suspended by the Council for any violation of this Section following written notice and a public hearing. An annual fee set by Council resolution will be charged for each permit which shall expire on December 31 of each year. Permit fees shall not be prorated or refundable.

Subd. 4. Confinement. Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors chickens must keep them confined on the premises at all times in a chicken coop or chicken run while in the City. It is grounds for revocation of a permit if chickens owned, controlled, kept, maintained or harbored by a permit holder are found to be at large more than once.

Subd. 5. Property Requirements, Chicken Coops, and Chicken Runs.

A. Property Requirements.

1) Chickens can only be kept on a single family residential premises in an "R-1", "R-2", or "R-A" district.

2) The minimum lot size for keeping chickens is 7,500 square feet.

3) Chickens shall not be kept or maintained upon a vacant lot or anywhere inside a residential structure, including basements, porches, garages,

shed, or similar storage structures.

B. Coop and Run Requirements.

1) All chickens shall be kept and maintained within a detached, stationary structure used exclusively for the keeping of chickens. Temporary or movable devices and structures shall be prohibited. Chickens must be secured in a chicken coop from sunset to sunrise each day.

2) A coop and any attached run/enclosure shall be located in a portion of the rearyard that is not visible from any public right of way at the permit holder's residence.

3) A coop and any attached run/enclosure shall be located at least 20 (twenty) feet from any residential structure and at least 10 (ten) feet from all lot lines.

4) Any coop and run shall be screened with a solid fence or landscaped buffer with a minimum height of four (4) feet.

5) Coops shall be constructed in a skillful manner, including being ventilated, insulated, roofed, constructed of moisture resistant materials, and in compliance with current City building and zoning ordinances.

6) All chicken coops must be a minimum of 4 square feet per chicken in size, must not exceed 10 square feet per chicken in size and must not exceed 6 feet in total height. Attached fenced-in chicken runs must not exceed 20 square feet per chicken and fencing must not exceed six feet in total height. Chicken runs may be enclosed with wood and/or woven wire materials, and may allow chickens to contact the ground.

7) Chicken coops must either be:

A. Elevated with a clear open space of at least 24 inches between the ground surface and framing/floor of the coop; or,

B. The coop floor, foundation, and footings must be constructed using rodent resistant construction.

8) Permit information shall be attached to the coop, including the name of the permit holder, permit number, and an emergency contact telephone number.

Subd 6. Sanitation and Conditions for Keeping.

A. A person keeping or maintaining chickens on residential property:

1) Shall keep or maintain not more than four (4) total chickens.

2) Shall keep or maintain chickens within a coop or attached coop run/enclosure at all times.

3) Shall not keep or maintain any roosters.

B. Chickens shall, at all times, be provided with access to feed and clean water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed, and humane care and treatment.

C. Deceased chickens shall be disposed of immediately in a safe manner, which may include trash disposal after placing the deceased bird in a sealed bag.

D. All waste including manure shall be disposed of, at least weekly, in a safe and adequate manner that does not create a public nuisance. Composting of manure shall be done in a dedicated, enclosed container at least twenty (20) feet from any residential structure and at least ten (10) feet from all lot lines.

E. Chicken manure shall not be placed in yard compost piles.

F. Chickens shall be secured within a coop during non-daylight hours.

G. Chickens shall not roam free outside of a coop or attached run/enclosure, or off of the permitted property.

H. Coops shall be entirely removed from the property within sixty (60) days of the nonrenewal of a permit.

I. Sale of eggs is prohibited.

J. Chicken feed shall be stored and kept in containers which make the feed unavailable to rodents, vermin, wild birds, and predators.

K. All coops, attached runs/enclosures and yards where chickens are kept or maintained shall be cleaned regularly to keep them reasonably free from substances, including but not limited to manure, uneaten feed, feathers, and other such waste that it does not cause the air or environment to become noxious or offensive or to be in such condition as to promote the breeding of flies, mosquitoes, or other insects, or to provide habitat, breeding or feeding place for rodents or other animals, or otherwise be a nuisance.

L. Chickens shall be kept and handled in a sanitary manner to prevent the spread of communicable diseases among birds or to humans.

M. The City reserves the right to eliminate all chickens within the City

if a pandemic regarding fowl and poultry is declared.

N. Chickens that become ill must receive veterinary care on-site or at a veterinary office. Chickens ill with an infectious disease capable of being transmitted from bird to bird or from birds to humans, including but not limited to, salmonella, avian influenza, must be immediately euthanized by a veterinarian or immediately removed from the City and humanely killed outside of the City. Any person keeping chickens shall immediately report any unusual illness or death of chickens to the City.

Subd. 7. Conditions and Inspection. No person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors chickens shall permit the premises where the chickens are kept to be or remain in an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property. Any chicken coop and chicken run authorized by permit under this Section may be inspected at any reasonable time by the City Animal Control Officer or other agent of the City. Slaughter and breeding of chickens on any premises within the City is prohibited.

Subd. 8. Impounding.

A. Procedure. The animal control personnel or the police officers of the City may impound any chicken harbored or kept in violation of this code, and any chicken running at large or otherwise in violation of Chapter 503 of the City Code. Chickens impounded shall be immediately delivered to the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department shall give be given written notice of the impounding to the owner of the chicken, or if the owner is unknown or cannot be found, it shall post notice of the impounding on the City's web page. The notice shall describe the chicken, and shall include a statement that if the chicken is not redeemed on or before a specified date, which shall be not less than five business days after giving notice, the chicken will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

(Ordinance No. 539, Adopted 5/13/2025)

B. Redemption. Any impounded chickens may be redeemed by the owner by the date specified pursuant to Subd. 8.A. by paying an impound fee as set forth in Section 210, plus the daily boarding charge for each day. No chicken shall be released by the pound master unless the owner has a valid permit to keep chickens.

C. Disposal. Any impounded chicken not redeemed by the date specified pursuant to Subdivision 8.A. may be sold. Any impounded chickens not redeemed or sold shall be humanly disposed of by the Public Works Department.

Subd. 9. Violations.

A. Revocation. A permit for the keeping of chickens may be revoked or suspended by the City Council for any violation of this ordinance following ten (10) days written notice to the last known address of the permit holder and a public hearing.

B. Nuisance. Violations of this ordinance may constitute a public nuisance, punishable as provided by City ordinance.

C. Other Penalties. Any person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains, or harbors chickens in the City limits of Detroit Lakes without obtaining or maintaining a current permit, after a permit has been suspended or revoked by Council action, or contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation of this section.

A violation of Chapter 503, the City's Animal Code, shall be a misdemeanor under state law. In addition the provisions of this section may be enforced by order of the City requiring removal of the chickens, chicken coop and chicken run by the violator, abatement by the City or by Civil Action and the City is authorized to pursue any remedy available at law or in equity, including but not limited to temporary restraining orders, injunctions both mandatory and prohibitory as well as damages. In addition, any violation of this section or failure to comply with its requirements shall be subject to enforcement by administrative penalty. Each day a violation exists shall be a separate violation. The fee for administrative penalties shall be set by Council resolution.

503.6 Dog Run/Enclosure. (Ordinance No. 455, Adopted 12/10/2019)

Subd.1. As used in this section, the term "dog run/enclosure" shall mean any enclosure constructed for shutting in or enclosing dogs or other animals and having an area less than five-hundred (500) square feet.

Subd. 2. Enclosures shall be screened from view of adjacent property with a sold fence or landscape buffer with a minimum height of four (4) feet.

Subd. 3. No enclosure shall be placed closer than ten feet (10') from any lot line.

Subd. 4. Enclosures shall be placed in the rear yard, and in no event shall it be placed closer than twenty feet (20) from any dwelling unit not on the premises.

Subd. 5. No person shall permit feces, urine or food to remain in an enclosure for a period that is longer than reasonable and consistent with health and sanitation and the prevention of orders.

503.07 Animals at Large. No person shall stake or herd any horse, cow or other

animal upon any street, alley, or public grounds of the City. No person shall fasten any animal to a light or utility pole, parking meter, or other fixture attached to a street or sidewalk. No person shall permit any horse, mule, donkey, pony, cow, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit, chicken, goose, duck, turkey or other animal of which he is the owner to be off the premises owned or rented by the animal's owner, unless accompanied by the owner or his agent or employee.

503.08 Manure. No manure shall be dumped or left on any street, alley, sidewalk, nor on any open area or lot.

503.09 Cruelty. No person shall inhumanly, unnecessarily, or cruelly beat, injure, or abuse any animal in any way.

503.10 Slaughter. No person shall slaughter any animals within the City.

503.11 Selling Prohibited. No person shall offer for sale within the city limits any non-domesticated animal prohibited by chapter 503.03 of the City Code. **(Ordinance No. 539, Adopted 5/13/2025)**

503.12 Penalities.

Subd. 1. Violation of Chapter 503. A violation of Chapter 503, the City's Animal Code, shall be a misdemeanor under State law. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, Chapter 503 may be enforced by Civil Action and the City is authorized to pursue any remedy available at law or in equity, including but not limited to temporary restraining orders, injunctions both mandatory and prohibitory, as well as damages, attorney fees and costs. Violation of Chapter 503 or failure to comply with its requirements shall also be subject to enforcement by administrative penalty. The fee for administrative penalties shall be set by Council resolution. **(Ordinance No. 455, Adopted 12/10/2019)**

Subd. 2. Impounding Of Non-Domestic Animals. In addition to criminal penalties, any non-domestic animal kept in violation of this Ordinance may be impounded by the City, unless such impounded animal is reclaimed and removed from the City, or unless the owner petitions the District Court for a determination that the animal is exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, the animal may be destroyed or sold five (5) days following notice to the owner of such animal of its impoundment and the provisions of this Ordinance. Any person reclaiming any such impounded animal shall pay the costs of impounding and keeping the same prior to the animal's release.

503.13 Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. **(Ordinance No. 154, Adopted 5/20/1997)**