

Section 90.010 Animals Running as Large

90.010 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE. It shall be unlawful for any domestic animal to run at large or upon private property of another or in or upon a street, alley or public place within the city; any person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of said animal will be held responsible. For the purpose of this chapter, an animal not physically restrained or leashed when off the premises of its owner or custodian shall be deemed running at large.

The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the owner or keeper from permitting the animals to run (loose) upon the private premises of another person with the person's consent, so long as otherwise consistent with this chapter including specifically the provisions for confinement of vicious and dangerous dogs.

Except as otherwise provided herein, animals may be permitted to run upon public ways, including streets and sidewalks, but only when on a leash not exceeding ten feet in length and controlled by the owner or keeper of the animal.

If an animal is running at large through the act or intervention of a third person not a member of the owner's household and without the owner's consent, the fact shall be and constitute an affirmative defense to a violation of this section.

Upon the second violation of this ordinance, the animal running at large must be micro-chipped and altered within 30 days of the case adjudication. If the owner of the animal fails to comply, the animal will be subject to impoundment; the animal shall be held for up to 7 days, during which the owner must have it altered and micro-chipped. The animal shall be considered surrendered if the owner does not have it altered and micro-chipped prior to the end of the 7-day period.

The 7-day period may be extended at the discretion of the Deputy Chief of Administration to assist dog owners in complying with requirements of this ordinance.