

CHAPTER 151  
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMAL LICENSING AND CONTROL

The City of Chisago City hereby ordains as follows:

- 151.01       DEFINITIONS: As used in this chapter except as otherwise provided, the following terms shall be defined to mean:
- A.       Animal: Any non-human mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird (including all fowl and poultry), or other member commonly accepted as part of the animal kingdom. Animals shall be classified as follows:
1. Animal - Domestic: Animals commonly accepted as Domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include fish, dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, household birds, non-poisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals.
  2. Animal - Non-Domestic: Animals that are commonly considered to be naturally wild and not naturally trained or domesticated, or which are commonly considered to be inherently dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of people. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include:
    - a. Any member of the large cat family (family feline) including lions, tigers, cougars, bobcats, leopards, and jaguars, but excluding commonly domesticated housecats.
    - b. Any naturally wild member of the canine family (family canine) including wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes, and jackals, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated dogs.
    - c. Any crossbreed such as the crossbreed between a wolf and a dog, unless the crossbreed is commonly accepted as a domesticated house pet.
    - d. Any member or relative of the rodent family including any skunk (whether or not descended), raccoon, squirrel, or ferret, but excluding those members otherwise defined or commonly accepted as domesticated pets.
    - e. Any poisonous venomous, constricting or inherently dangerous member of the reptile or amphibian families including rattlesnakes, boa constrictors, pit vipers, crocodiles and alligators.
    - f. Any other animal which is not explicitly listed above but which can be reasonably defined by the terms of this subpart, including but not limited to bears, deer, monkeys, and game fish.

3. Animal – Farm: Any animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include members of the equestrian family (horses, mules, donkeys), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, alpaca, llama, fowl (chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese), swine (including Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, bees and other animals associated with a farm, ranch, or stable.
  - a. Bovine shall include animals of the cattle family including, buffalo, bison and ox.
  - b. Equestrian family includes horses, mules, donkeys
  - c. Fowl: includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese
  - d. Pigeons: includes any and all varieties of pigeons
  - e. Swine: includes pigs, hogs, boars and potbellied pigs.
  
- B. At Large: Any animals which are off the premises of the owner and not under the custody and control of the owner or other person, either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise restrained or confined.
  
- C. Cat: Any domesticated feline species, male or female whole or neutered, commonly accepted as domesticated household pets.
  
- D. Colony: An aggregate of honeybees consisting principally of workers, but having, when perfect, one (1) queen and at times drones, brood, combs, and honey.
  
- E. Coop: Any structure of the keeping of any pigeon or fowl.
  
- F. Dangerous Dog or Animal: Dangerous dog is subject to the meaning set forth in MN State Statute 347.50. Dangerous animal means any animal that has committed any of the acts set forth below:
  1. Without provocation, inflicts substantial bodily harm on a human being on public or private property; or
  2. Killed a domestic animal without provocation; or
  3. Been found to be a potentially dangerous animal, and after the owner has been notified that the animal is potentially dangerous, the animal aggressively bites, attacks or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.
  
- G. Dog: Any canine species, male or female, whole or neutered, commonly accepted as domesticated household pets, other domesticated animals of a dog kind.
  
- H. Enclosure: Any structure, except a dwelling, designated to securely enclose and prevent an animal from escaping there from, and/or

designed to provide the animal with shelter and protection from the weather.

- I. Hive: The receptacle inhabited by a colony that is manufactured for that purpose.
- J. Honeybee: All life stages of the common domestic honeybee, *Apis mellifera* species of European origin.
- K. Owner: Any person or persons, firm, corporation, organization, or department, possessing, harboring, keeping, having an interest in, or having temporary or permanent custody or control of an animal.
- L. Potentially Dangerous Dog or Animal: Potentially Dangerous Dog is subject to the meaning set forth in MN State Statute 347.50. Potentially Dangerous Animal means any animal that has committed any of the acts set forth below:
  - 1. When unprovoked, bites a human or domestic animal; or
  - 2. When unprovoked, chases or approaches a person upon the public street, sidewalks, or any other public 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.
- M. Restrained: On a leash of not more than six (6) feet in length, and in the custody of a person of sufficient age to adequately control the animal, in a vehicle, or confined to the owner's property by enclosure or fencing.
- N. Substantial Bodily Harm: Substantial Bodily Harm shall have the meaning set forth in MN State Statute 609.02.

151.02 REGULATIONS:

- A. Except as herein provided, the owner of any animal within the City shall cause such animal to be contained to the individual's property by adequate fencing, enclosure, or leash.
- B. The owner of any female dog or cat in heat shall cause such dog or cat to be confined in such a manner so as not to come in contact with any other dog or cat during such time as the dog or cat is in heat, except for intentional breeding purposes.
- C. The owner of any domestic animal within the City of Chisago City shall

cause such animal to be restrained by a leash, chain, or cord of sufficient strength, or electronic device to effectively restrain and control such domestic animal, and in the custody of a person capable of adequately controlling such domestic animal at all times when such domestic animal is in or upon a public place.

- D. The owner of any domestic animal shall take steps to ensure that any domestic animal does not create a nuisance by allowing the following:
1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a domestic animal that habitually yaps, wails, barks, or cries. The habitual yaps, wails, barks, or cries shall exist from a location outside of the building or premises where the domestic animal(s) are located and which animal noise occurs repeatedly over at least a 5-minute period of time, with less than 30 seconds between each animal noise. Such yap wail, barking, or cry must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises. It shall not be a violation of this section if the domestic animal was barking, crying, or making other noise due to harassment or injury to the dog animal or a trespass upon the premises whereupon the dog animal is located.
  2. It shall be unlawful for any owner to permit a domestic animal(s) to damage any lawn, garden, or their property.
  3. The owner of any domestic animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner whether on their own property or not.
  4. Any animals kept contrary to this Section are hereby declared a public nuisance and may be abated according to the law.
- E. A complaint in writing regarding a domestic animal that is a public nuisance may be submitted to a district court judge in accordance with MN Statute 347.04 and as amended.

#### 151.03 HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:

- A. The owner of any animal within the City of Chisago City shall provide such animal with sufficient wholesome food and water on a daily basis, as well as proper and sufficient shelter from the weather, and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering of any sick or injured animal.
- B. No person shall beat, torment, tease, or otherwise abuse an animal, or permit an animal fight.
- C. No person shall allow any property to be used for maintaining more than three (3) dogs or four (4) domestic animals including cats over six (6) months of age. Any person who desires to exceed this limitation shall first

register for a Kennel License as prescribed in Section 151.10.

151.04 KEEPING OF FARM ANIMALS: Every person who raises Farm Animals for the sale, profit, or pleasure must be kept confined on the premises at all times, except for the purpose of when honey bees are pollinating, farm animals are being transported, racing and used in ceremonies. This section of the ordinance does not apply to the keeping of dogs, cats and other domestic animals customarily kept as pets, or Kennel license as regulated in Section 151.10. Any persons keeping Farm Animals within the city limits shall follow the guidelines within this chapter.

A. The following animals are allowed on parcels of five (5) acres or larger. One (1) animal unit is permitted per two acres. Pigeons and fowl maybe combined to equal one (1) animal unit. Any other animal not listed below shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council.

The animal units are as follows:

1 Bovine	= 1 animal unit
1 Horse	= 1 animal unit
2 Swine	= 1 animal unit
2 Bee Hives	= 1 animal unit
5 Alpaca or Llama	= 1 animal unit
5 Sheep/Goat	= 1 animal unit
20 Fowl	= 1 animal unit

B. The following animals are allowed on parcels of five (5) acres or less.

1. Horses. Horses are permitted in the City on properties three (3) acres or more. One (1) horse is equivalent to one (1) animal unit. One (1) animal unit is permitted per two acres.
2. Pigeons and other Fowl. Pigeons and other fowl are permitted in the City on properties that are less than one (1) acre. They shall be protected from the weather and predators in a shelter or coop and have access to the outdoors. Properties one (1) acre or less shall provide a run area that is enclosed or fenced. Shelters, chicken coops and run area shall be placed in the rear yard and be at least twenty-five (25) feet from any residential dwelling on any other premises. The following are limitations on Pigeons and other fowl within the City.
  - a. No person shall keep roosters on any property less than two (2) acres.
  - b. All premises on which the pigeons and fowl are kept or maintained shall be kept clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents. The shelter, coop and its

surrounding must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odors detectable on another property. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in a violation of this section.

- c. Pigeons and other fowl are not allowed on properties with three (3) or more dwelling units.
- d. Other fowl are allowed on properties less than one (1) acres.  
The following animals are allowed:

<b>Pigeons or Other Fowl</b>	
5 Pigeons or Other Fowl	Less than one (1) acre
10 Pigeons or Other Fowl	Greater than one (1) acre, but less than two (2) acres
20 Pigeons or Other Fowl	Greater than two (2) acres

3. Honey Bees. Keeping, maintaining, and raising of honey bees may be allowed on properties one (1) acre or greater. Any person keeping, maintaining, and raising honey bees shall comply with the following restrictions:

- a. Any Africanize strain species of honeybees is prohibited.
- b. The bee hives shall be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from any property line, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line.
- c. The beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height. The flyway barrier may consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation or a combination thereof, such that honeybees will fly over rather than through the material to reach the colony. The flyway barrier must be in proximity to the hive to ensure the honeybees fly up and above head height. A flyway barrier is not required if the property adjoining is undeveloped, or is used for agriculture or industrial; this does not include properties with horses or pedestrian trails. A flyway barrier is not required if the hives are located on the roof of a structure containing at least one (1) full story if all hives are located at least five (5) feet from the side of the structure and at least fifteen (15) feet from any adjacent and occupied structure.
- d. No person is permitted to keep more than the following numbers of hives on any lot within the city:

<b>Bee Hives</b>	
<b>1 Animal Unit = 2 Hives</b>	
<b># of units</b>	<b>Lot Size</b>
1 Animal Unit	Larger than 1 acre, but less than 3 acres

2 Animal Unit	Larger than 3 acres, but less than 5 acres
1 Animal Unit for every 2 acres	Greater than 5 acres

- e. Any person keeping, maintaining, or raising of honeybees shall comply with the following standards of practice:
  - i. Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.
  - ii. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony prior to and so long as colonies remain active outside of the hive.
  - iii. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees is left upon the grounds of the apiary lot. Such materials once removed from the site shall be handled and stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container.
  - iv. Each beekeeper shall maintain his beekeeping equipment in good condition, including keeping the hives painted, and securing unused equipment from weather, potential theft or vandalism and occupancy by swarms. It shall be a violation of this section for any beekeeper's unused equipment to attract a swarm, even if the beekeeper is not intentionally keeping honeybees.
  
- f. If a beekeeper serves the community by removing a swarm or swarms of honeybees from locations where they are not desired, a beekeeper shall not be considered in violation of the portion of this section limiting the number of colonies while temporarily housing the swarm on the apiary lot in compliance with the standards of practice established pursuant to this section if the swarm is so housed for no more than thirty (30) days.

151.05 DOGS AND CATS:

- A. No person may own a dog if the person has been convicted of any of the offenses listed in Minnesota Statutes, Section 347.542.
  
- B. Manner of Keeping.
  - 1. Confinement areas for dogs and cats must be cleaned and disinfected as often as it is necessary to maintain a clean and sanitary condition.
  - 2. Enclosures must be of sufficient size to allow each dog or cat to turn about fully and to stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable normal position. Confinement areas must be maintained at a temperature suitable for the animal involved. The enclosure must be constructed so as to prevent injury to the dog or cat.
  - 3. Housing facilities must be structurally sound and maintained in good

repair. Indoor housing facilities must be adequately ventilated and have ample light, either natural or artificial.

4. Dogs and cats kept outside must be provided with access to shelter to protect them from the sun, wind, rain, and snow.
5. If dogs or cats are confined by chains, the chains must be so attached that they cannot become entangled with the chains of other animals or any other objects. Chains must be of a size commonly used for the size of a dog or cat involved and must be attached to the dog or cat by means of a well-fitted collar. Chains must be at least three times the length of the dog or cat as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail.
6. Clean potable water must be made available to all dogs and cats and must be fed at least once a day with clean, wholesome food sufficient to meet the normal daily nutritive requirements for the dog's or cat's age, size, and condition. All feeding and watering receptacles must be kept clean and sanitary.

C. License and Registration: All dogs owned and/or kept within the City of Chisago City shall be licensed, with the following exceptions:

1. Dogs under the age of six (6) months.
2. Dogs whose owners are temporarily in the city for a period of time not exceeding thirty (30) days.
3. Dogs that are brought into the city for the purpose of performance, an animal show, circus, or similar appearance.
4. Service animals properly trained to assist disabled or handicapped persons.

D. Vaccination Required: It shall be unlawful for any dog or cat owner to keep or maintain any dog or cat older than six (6) months of age, unless it has been vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. No license shall be issued except upon compliance with this section.

E. Licensing and Vaccination Procedures:

1. Application: Except as herein provided, within thirty (30) days of acquiring possession of a dog which has not been licensed by the City of Chisago City, the owner of the dog shall make application for a dog license. The application shall be on forms provided to the City prior to the issuance of a license or renewal of a license.
2. License Fee: The license fee for each dog must be submitted with the license application. The fee will be established by Council



resolution.

3. Duration of License: A license shall be issued during any calendar year from January 1 through December 31, but at no time shall a license exceed the expiration date of the vaccination.
  4. Issuance of Licenses: Upon completion of the application form, receipt of the license fee(s), and receipt of proof of vaccination, the City shall cause a dog license to be issued to the applicant for a particular dog.
  5. Receipt and Tags: The City shall cause a license fee receipt to be issued to the applicant, along with a metallic tag. The applicant shall cause the tag to be affixed permanently by a metal fastening device to the collar of the licensed dog in such manner that the tag is easily observed. If a tag is lost, a duplicate may be issued by the City upon presentation of a receipt showing payment of the initial license fee and upon payment of an additional fee for each duplicate tag.
  6. Change of Address: An applicant who has obtained a dog license shall notify the City of applicant's address change within corporate limits of the City within thirty (30) days of any address change.
  7. Counterfeit Tags: No person shall counterfeit, attempt to counterfeit, or attach any counterfeit tag to any dog in the City.
  8. Transfer of Tags: No person shall transfer a dog tag from one dog or cat to another.
- F. Stray Dogs and Cats: Upon written notice of the Chief of Police that private property of another is attracting or providing shelter to dogs or cats that are not owned or cared for by any known person, the owner of such property shall be responsible for removing such stray dogs or cats in a humane manner within thirty (30) days of such written notice.

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FECES DISPOSAL:

- A. The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the sanitary disposal of any feces material deposited by such animal in the following manner:
1. During the period of November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> all feces material shall be removed from the owner's premises and/or stored in a sanitary manner within seventy-two (72) hours.
  2. During the period of May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, all feces material shall be removed from the owner's property and/or stored in a sanitary manner within forty-eight (48) hours.
  3. Objectionable feces odor and/or flies detectable at the adjoining

property line shall be deemed a violation of this section.

- B. The owner of any animal shall not permit such animal to be on public property or the property of another without having in the owner's immediate possession a device for the immediate removal of feces material deposited by the animal, as well as a container for the transport of such material to an appropriate disposal receptacle located on the property of the owner. The owner of such animal shall be responsible for removing such material from public property or private property of another to a proper disposal receptacle located on the property of the owner.

151.07 SEEING EYE OR HEARING AIDE DOGS PERMITTED IN PUBLIC PLACES.

- A. Whenever any blind or hearing-impaired person accompanied by a "Seeing Eye" or "Hearing Aide" dog presents himself for accommodation or service on any public conveyance vehicle or to any café, restaurant, store, or other place of business open to the public, it shall be unlawful for the owner, proprietor, manager, or operator of such vehicle or place of business to refuse admission to the dog or service to the blind or hearing-impaired person.

151.08 REGISTRATION FOR KENNEL LICENSE:

- A. No person shall be allowed to maintain more than three (3) dogs or up to four (4) dogs and cats over six (6) months of age any place in the City. Any person who desires to exceed this limitation shall first apply for a kennel license with the City on a form prescribed by the City Administrator.
  - 1. Requirements: Any person obtaining a Kennel License pursuant to this section shall comply with the standards as listed in Section 151.08.
  - 2. Application Content:
    - a. The name and address of the owner and the operator of the Kennel License.
    - b. A site plan for review,
    - c. Any required secure enclosure details,
    - d. The number of dogs or cats proposed to be kept.

151.09 IMPOUNDING AND CONFINEMENT:

- A. Any animal found in violation of this Chapter may be seized by officers or a person designated by the City Council to enforce this Chapter, impounded in a shelter, and there confined in a humane manner.

- B. Immediately upon impoundment of any animal wearing a current registration, the City will make reasonable efforts to notify the owner of such animal, of the animal's confinement and the procedures to be followed for reclamation of such animal.
- C. An animal which is not redeemed by the owner within five (5) days, excluding holidays, after such impoundment may be placed for adoption, or euthanized and disposed of in a humane manner by the appropriate animal shelter facility.
- D. Owner title of any animal may be transferred to the animal shelter facility upon expiration of the legal detention period and the animal has not been claimed by the owner.

151.10 IMPOUNDMENT FEES: Any animal impounded hereunder may be reclaimed by the owner of such animal within five (5) days, excluding holidays, after such impoundment. Before the owner shall be permitted to retake possession of such animal, the owner shall pay all required fees and costs of such impoundment to the Lakes Area Police Department or designee.

151.11 RABIES CONTROL:

- A. The Minnesota Health Laws and Regulations are hereby adopted in cases of rabid animals, which have bitten any person, or animals suspected of being rabid.
- B. It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the Police Department the names and addresses of any person treated for bites inflicted by an animal, together with any other information deemed helpful in the control of rabies.
- C. It shall be the duty of the owner of any animal to immediately, but in all cases no later than twenty-four (24) hours, to report to the Police Department all bites inflicted by the owner's animal to any person. The owner of any such animal shall be required to provide to the police written proof of vaccination and pertinent insurance information when warranted or requested by the police.
- D. It shall be the duty of any veterinarian to report to the City his diagnosis of any animal observed by him to be rabies suspect.
- E. The police or animal control officer are hereby authorized to take into possession any animal suspected of having rabies following a bite inflicted to any person, and have the animal destroyed in a humane manner for the purpose of determining whether the animal is, in fact, a rabies carrier. The City and/or its agents shall not be held liable for the

destruction of such animal when the animal has inflicted injury upon any person and the City and/or its agents act in good faith to protect the public.

- 151.12 BITING ANIMALS TO BE QUARANTINED: Whenever an animal has bitten a person, or whenever a suspected or known rabid animal is picked up by an animal control officer or police officer, such animal shall be confined for a minimum period of ten (10) days as follows:
- A. Upon proof of current rabies vaccination, the animal control officer or police may authorize the confinement of the animal at the owner's place of residence, provided that the animal shall not be permitted to come in contact with other animals or persons, and provided further that the animal be muzzled and on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet when removed from the place of confinement.
  - B. If no proof of current vaccination is provided, or if the animal control officer or police do not consent to confinement at the owner's place of residence, the animal shall be confined at the animal control facility at the owner's expense.
  - C. An animal under confinement may not be removed from such confinement without written permission of the animal control officer or the Chief of Police.
  - D. The owner of any animal confined at the owner's residence shall, at all times, permit the inspection of such animal during the confinement period upon oral request of animal control officers or the police. The owner shall further be responsible for immediately reporting any change in the animal's health or behavior to the appropriate animal control officer during the confinement period.
  - E. A quarantined animal shall be confined to an enclosure constructed of materials suitable to prevent the animal from escaping. All openings to the enclosure shall be locked with a secure locking device, and the animal shall not be removed from the enclosure unless muzzled and on a leash not exceeding four (4) feet in length, and under the control of a competent person.
  - F. An animal control officer and/or police officer may enter upon private property of another for the purposes of removing such quarantined animal to an animal shelter when it has been determined that such quarantined animal is not being maintained by the owner in a manner consistent with the provisions of this section.

## DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS AND ANIMALS:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any animal to inflict substantial bodily harm to any person or other animal whether or not the owner is present, or commit any of the acts set forth in Section 151.01.E of this Chapter. If such act is committed the animal shall be considered a dangerous dog or animal and shall be registered as guided in MN State Statute 347.51.
- B. A police officer or animal control officer may immediately seize any Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dog or animal and/or issue a citation or summons to the owner of any dangerous dog or animal if:
1. Within 14 days after the owner has received notice that the animal is dangerous, the animal is not validly registered and micro chipped as required by this Chapter.
  2. The dog or animal is not maintained in a proper enclosure.
  3. The animal is outside the proper enclosure and is not muzzled and restrained by a substantial chain or leash and under the physical restraint of a responsible competent person.
  4. 14 days after the owner has received notice that the animal is Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous, the owner does not secure the proper liability insurance or surety bond as required by this Chapter.
  5. After the owner has been notified that the animal is Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous, the animal bites or attacks a person or domestic animal.
- C. Upon report to the police that such animal has committed such an act as set forth in Section 151.01.E, the Chief of Police or Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner of such animal of his intent to classify such animal as dangerous. The owner of such animal may appeal within fourteen (14) days after a dog or animal is declared dangerous to the Chief of Police or Animal Control Officer contesting the classification of the animal as dangerous. Such appeal shall be placed in writing by the owner.
- D. The appeal shall be referred to the City Council for an appropriate hearing. The City Administrator shall notify the owner of such animal as to the time and date of the hearing, but in all cases, at least fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given to the owner.
- E. The owner shall be informed of his right by the City Administrator represented by legal counsel during such hearing, as well as the right to provide oral and written testimony as to why the City Council should not declare the animal dangerous.
- F. If the City Council declares the animal to be dangerous, the City Administrator shall notify the owner in writing and then have fourteen (14) days to comply with the provisions of Minnesota's State Statute, Chapter

347.51.

- G. If the owner of a dog that has been declared dangerous fails to comply with the fourteen (14) day reporting requirement, the animal control authority and/or police may seize such dog and cause such dog to be housed at the appropriate animal shelter facility at the owner's expense. All seized dogs shall be housed at the animal shelter facility for a minimum period of seven (7) days, excluding holidays. If the owner of the dog fails to comply with the reporting requirements of the dangerous dog statute within seven (7) days, excluding holidays, the dog shall be destroyed at the owner's expense.
- H. Any animal that is classified as a potentially dangerous animal as outlined under Section 151.01.K. The procedures set forth under Section 151.15 shall also apply procedurally to the classification and hearing process of potentially dangerous animals.

151.14 WILD ANIMALS: No person shall own, keep, harbor, offer for sale, or maintain any wild animal within the corporate limits of the City of Chisago City. This section does not apply to service animals, and for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, show, or exhibition.

151.15 ENFORCEMENT: The provisions of this chapter may be enforced by the following:

- A. The primary law enforcement agency of the City.
- B. Community Service Officers, Animal Control Officers, Humane Agents or other Officers to assist the primary law enforcement agency of the City.
- C. The animal control facility contracted with by the City.

151.16 INTERFERENCE: No person shall, in any manner, interfere with or hinder any person authorized by the Council to capture dogs, cats or other animals and convey them to the pound while engaged in such operation. Nor shall any unauthorized person break open the pound, or attempt to do so, or take or attempt to take from any agent any animal taken up by him or her in compliance with this Section, or in any manner to interfere with or hinder such officer in the discharge of their duties. For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this chapter, an animal control officer or law enforcement officer is empowered to enter upon private property of another without permission, with or without a warrant.

151.17 EXEMPTIONS: The following provisions of this chapter shall not apply in the following circumstances:

- A. Unless specified herein, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to animals used or confined to hospitals, clinics, or businesses operated by licensed veterinarians.
- B. Section 151.08.D, relating to vaccination requirements, shall not apply to any animal belonging to a non-resident of the city and kept within the city not longer than thirty (30) days, provided that all such animals kept in the city shall at all times be properly restrained while in the city.
- C. Section 151.15, relating to dangerous animals and potentially dangerous animals, shall not apply to police dogs under the control of a licensed peace officer during the performance of authorized police activities.
- D. Section 151.16 shall not apply to raptors possessed by licensed falconers holding valid state and federal falconry permits, so long as the conditions of the permits are satisfied.

151.18 SUMMARY DESTRUCTION:

- A. The Chief of Police may authorize to permit an animal to be euthanized and disposed of in any manner provided by law when the following occurs:
  - 1. Any animal that has a history indicating propensity to attack humans or other animals; or has a documented history of attacks and bites on humans or other animals; or is suspect of any disease that can be transmitted to humans; or other animals will not be placed for adoptions but will be humanely euthanized.
  - 2. Within seven (7) days of impoundment period upon notice from the appropriate animal shelter facility that an animal is sick and/or injured in an effort to end the suffering of such animal.
- B. Whenever an animal control officer or police officer determines that any animal presents an immediate threat to the safety of any member of the public, after making a reasonable attempt to impound such animal, said officer is hereby authorized to destroy such animal in the interest of public safety.

151.19 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER: Any violation of this Chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable to the extent possible under Minnesota Statutes. Each day a violation of this Chapter is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate violation and shall be punishable as such under this Chapter.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication according to law.  
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