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City of Millville Dog Licensing Regulations

Definitions.

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meanings of the terms used in the City of Millville regulations shall be as follows:

AGGRESSIVE BREED DOG— An American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terrier or St. Francis Terrier, or any dog of mixed breed with at least 50% of any combination of the aforesaid named breeds.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER — A certified municipal animal control officer, or, in the absence of such an officer, the chief law enforcement officer of the City or his designee.

ATTACK DOG— Any dog or dog hybrid trained or baited to attack persons or animals.

DOG— Any dog or dog hybrid.

DOG OF LICENSING AGE — A dog which has attained the age of seven months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL — Any cat, dog or livestock other than poultry.

GUARD DOG— Any dog trained to attack a person at the command or instruction of a trainer.

KENNEL — Any establishment where the business of boarding or selling dogs or breeding dogs for sale is carried on, except a pet shop.

LEASH — A chain, strap, cord or harness of sufficient substance to hold the animal under control and shall be no longer than 15 feet.

NUISANCE — Defecation or urination, destruction of property, disturbing the peace, emitting noxious odors, or otherwise endangering or offending the well being of the inhabitants of the City.

OWNER — Any adult having an ownership interest in an animal or an adult who keeps or harbors an animal on or about his or her premises.

PERSON — A natural person, association, corporation, firm, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

PET SHOP — Any room or group of rooms, cage or exhibition pen, not part of a kennel, where dogs or other animals are kept or displayed for sale.

POLICE DOG— A dog actively engaged by a law enforcement agency to aid in its law enforcement duties.

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG— Any dog declared potentially dangerous by a Municipal Court pursuant to state law.

POUND — An establishment for the confinement of dogs seized either under the provisions of this chapter or otherwise.

PREMISES — Any parcel of land and any structures located thereon.

RUNNING AT LARGE — To be free of physical restraint or control beyond the boundaries of the premises of the owner.

SHELTER — Any establishment where animals are received, housed and distributed.

STRAY — Any animal found running at large.

TRAINER — Any person who trains or owns an attack dog or guard dog or from whom an attack dog or guard dog takes commands or instructions.

VICIOUS DOG— Any dog declared vicious by a Municipal Court pursuant to state law.

License requirements.

- A. **License.** Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age shall apply for and procure from the City Clerk a license and official metal registration tag for each dog, and shall place upon each dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.
- B. **Contents of application.** The application for a license shall contain the name and address of the owner of the dog and the person who shall keep or harbor the dog, a short description of the dog including breed, sex, age, color and markings, and proof of current rabies vaccination for the period of the license sought. This information and the registration number shall be preserved for three years and shall be forwarded to the State Department of Health as required by law.
- C. **Official metal registration tag.** The official metal registration tag for each dog shall be securely fastened on the dog's collar or harness and shall be maintained there at all times unless removed with the consent of the owner or by the Animal Control Officer. In no event shall a dog be off the premises of the owner without the official metal registration tag securely fastened to the dog collar or harness. No person shall attach a registration tag to a dog for which it was not issued.
- D. **Evidence of inoculation.** No license and official metal registration tag shall be issued for any dog unless the owner provides evidence that the dog to be licensed and registered has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine as required by federal law and state law.
- E. **Attack dogs and guard dogs.** Any person who shall own, keep or harbor an attack dog or guard dog as defined herein shall apply for a license and official metal registration tag within 72 hours from the time when the dog is brought on the premises within the City.
- F. **Potentially dangerous dogs.** When a dog has been declared by a Municipal Court to be potentially dangerous dog pursuant to state law, a special license and special registration tag shall be issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-30. Said license and registration tag shall be applied for within 72 hours from the time when the Court declaration is made.
- G. **License for kennel, pet shop, shelter and pound.** Any person who operates or proposes to establish a kennel, pet shop, shelter, or pound shall apply to the City Clerk for a license to operate such an establishment. Said applicant shall comply with the applicable development regulations of the City and N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8. No property within the City shall have or maintain five or more dogs of licensing age unless the property is licensed as a kennel, pet shop, shelter, or pound.
- H. **Notification.** The City Clerk or his designee shall notify the Fire Department, Police Department and Rescue Squad servicing the municipality of the fact that an animal has been registered as an attack dog, guard dog or a dog which has been declared potentially dangerous pursuant to state law.

Time for applications.

- A. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age shall annually apply for and procure a license and official metal registration tag for the dog during the period from January 1 through March 31. The license and registration tag shall expire on December 31.
- B. The owner of any newly acquired dog of licensing age or of any dog which attains licensing age during the calendar year shall make application for a license and registration tag for such dog within 10 days of such acquisition or age attainment.
- C. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the City an unlicensed dog of licensing age and shall permit the dog to be kept within the City for a period of more than 10 days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag for such dog.
- D. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into this City a dog licensed within another state and shall keep the dog or permit the dog to remain within the City for a period of more than 90 days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag for such dog.

Dog License Fee Schedule.

<u>City of Millville Dog License Fee Schedule</u>					
	<u>Registration Fee</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Late Fee IF Paid After March 31st</u>	<u>Total Including Late Fee</u>
Registration fee for Spayed or Neutered Dogs	\$ 7.00		\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00
Registration fee for Non-Spayed or Non-Neutered Dogs	10.00		10.00	5.00	15.00
<u>Aggressive Breed, Attack or Guard Dog License Fees</u>					
	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Aggressive Breed, Attack or Guard Dog Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Late Fee IF Paid After March 31st</u>	<u>Including Late Fee</u>
Aggressive Breed, Attack or Guard Dog Fee for Spayed or Neutered Dogs	7.00	\$ 50.00	57.00	5.00	62.00
Aggressive Breed, Attack or Guard Dog Fee for Non-Spayed or Non-Neutered Dogs	10.00	50.00	60.00	5.00	65.00
<u>Dog Declared to be Potentially Dangerous by a Municipal Court License Fees</u>					
	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Declared Potentially Dangerous Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Late Fee IF Paid After March 31st</u>	<u>Including Late Fee</u>
Potentially Dangerous Dog Fee for Spayed or Neutered Dogs	7.00	\$700.00	707.00	5.00	712.00
Potentially Dangerous Dog Fee for Non-Spayed or Non-Neutered Dogs	10.00	\$700.00	710.00	5.00	715.00

Guide Dogs and Police Dogs.

Dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as Seeing Eye dogs, dogs used to assist handicapped persons and commonly known as service dogs, or dogs used to assist deaf persons and commonly known as hearing ear dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs, except that the owner or keeper of such dog shall not be required to pay any fee. Police dogs on active duty and not retired are likewise exempt from the payment of any fee.

Kennel License.

The annual license fee for a kennel, pet shop, shelter, and pound is set forth in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.9.

Disposition of fees.

- A. License fees and other moneys collected under the provisions of the City of Millville Municipal Code shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and shall be placed in a special account separate from other accounts maintained by the City and used for the following purposes only:
 - (1) Collecting, keeping and disposing of dogs and other animals liable to seizure.
 - (2) Local prevention and control of rabies.
 - (3) Providing anti-rabies treatment under the direction of the County Health Department for a person exposed to rabies.
 - (4) All other purposes prescribed by state law governing the subject.
- B. Any unexpected balance remaining in this special account shall be retained therein until the end of the third fiscal year and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in the Municipal Code. At the end of the third fiscal year and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred from the special account to the general funds of the City any amount then in the special account which is in excess of the total amount paid into the special account during the previous two fiscal years.
- C. The registration tag fee collected for each dog shall be forwarded by the City Clerk to the State Department of Health within 30 days.

Exemptions and waivers.

- A. Except as to licensing and registration, police dogs on active duty and not retired shall be exempt from the regulations imposed by this chapter.
- B. Except as to licensing and registration, Seeing Eye dogs, service dogs and hearing ear dogs shall be exempt from the regulations imposed by the City of Millville Municipal Code.

General regulations.

- A. Disturbance of the peace. No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or other animal which habitually barks, howls or cries and thereby disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood and creates a nuisance at any time of the day or night.
- B. Leashing. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or similar animal shall permit it to be upon a public street, sidewalk, thoroughfare, park, playground, school yard or in any of the public places of the City unless it is controlled by an adequate leash or tether not more than 15 feet long.
- C. Nuisance prohibited. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or other animal shall cause or allow said animal to soil, defile, deface or defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any public property. The person in charge of such animal shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such animal by any sanitary method. This same provision applies to any private property when the activities of the animal occur without permission of the property owner.
- D. Property damage. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or other animal shall permit it to do any injury

or to do any damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, garden or property of another person unless consented to by the other person.

- E. Running at large. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or other animal shall permit the animal to run at large, outside of the control of the owner, on public property or private property off the premises of the owner.

Attack, guard and dangerous dogs.

- A. Muzzled. An attack dog, guard dog, or a dog declared by a Municipal Court to be potentially dangerous pursuant to state law shall be muzzled at all times when the animal is off the premises of the owner or when the animal is off the premises of a person harboring or keeping said animal.
- B. Posting of signs. The owner or other person in control of an attack dog, guard dog or dog declared by a Municipal Court to be potentially dangerous pursuant to state law shall post signs on the premises where the dog is maintained stating one of the following: "Warning: Attack Dog on Premises," "Warning: Guard Dog on Premises" or "Warning: Dangerous Dog on Premises."
- C. Public places. No aggressive breed dog, attack dog, guard dog, or a dog declared by a Municipal Court to be potentially dangerous pursuant to state law shall be permitted inside public buildings, public parks, public ball fields, public beaches and public recreational areas owned, controlled by or under the jurisdiction of the City.

Vicious and potentially dangerous dogs.

- A. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-17 through 4:19-37 governing vicious and potentially dangerous dogs are incorporated by reference.
- B. When a Municipal Court has declared a dog to be a potentially dangerous dog, it may require the owner to maintain liability insurance in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-24b. The liability insurance shall contain a provision requiring the municipality in which the owner resides to be named as an additional insured for the sole purpose of being notified by the insurance company of any cancellation, termination or expiration of the liability insurance policy.

Cruelty to animals prohibited.

The provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:22-1 et seq. governing the prevention of cruelty to animals are incorporated by reference.