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6.04.01 Definitions. “For the purposes of this ordinance, unless explicitly defined herein, all terms shall have the meanings set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-62-102, as amended.” (Ord. No. 2026-003, Sec. 3.)”

6.04.07 Dogs at large.

- A. Purpose: Dogs running at large endanger public safety, create traffic hazards, threaten livestock and wildlife, and cause property damage.
- B. Definition: For purposes of this ordinance:  
**At large** means any dog off the premises of its owner and not:
- Restrained by a leash six (6) feet or less in length and under the control of a competent person;
  - Confined within a secure enclosure, fence, or vehicle; or
  - Actively engaged in lawful hunting/field trials or herding livestock with permission of the landowner and under immediate control.
- C. Prohibition: It shall be unlawful for any owner to permit or allow a dog to run at large within the city limits. Failure to exercise reasonable care and control resulting in a dog running at large shall constitute a violation.
- D. Exceptions:
1. Dogs within designated city-approved off-leash areas.
  2. Law enforcement or military dogs performing official duties.
  3. Service animals under the control of a qualified handler pursuant to federal and state law.
- E. Punishment/Fine: Violations shall constitute a Class C misdemeanor and be punishable as follows:
- **First Offense (within 12 months):** Fine not exceeding \$150 plus costs.
  - **Second Offense (within 12 months):** Fine not exceeding \$300 plus costs.
  - **Third or Subsequent Offense (within 12 months):** Fine not exceeding \$500 plus costs and mandatory appearance in District Court.

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 8; Ord. No. 2026-003, Sec. 4.)”

6.04.13 Number of animals

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to own more than four (4) dogs or four (4) cats older than six (6) months within the city limits. Additionally, the total number of dogs and cats on any property shall not exceed four (4) of each species, regardless of the number of residents residing at the property. This provision shall not apply to animal hospitals, veterinarians, kennels, animal rescues, or pet shops, provided that:
1. The land on which the excluded facility is located is properly zoned for such use.

2. The excluded facility holds all necessary licenses, certifications, and permits to operate legally, and
  3. The excluded facility has the adequate resources to properly to care for the animals on the premises.
- B. Any person found to be in violation of this section shall, at the discretion of the city office/department enforcing this ordinance, have not less than ten (10) days and no more than thirty (30) days to comply by reducing the number of animals to meet this provision.
- C. Each animal over the limit shall constitute a separate offense under this section.

(Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 14; Ord. No. 2026-003, Sec. 5.)

6.04.15 Poisoning. No person shall place leave or expose in any place accessible to any wild animal, pet, farm animal or any other animal any poisonous substance or ingredient, or any edible substance or ingredient which has, in any manner, been treated or prepared with any poisonous substance or ingredient. (Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 16.)

6.04.20 Electric fences. Any person who installs or has an electric shock system for the purpose of restraint of animals must post a warning sign on each external side of the fence of compound and such signs shall not be more than one hundred (100) feet apart. Such electric device should be designed (or be of equivalent to type offered on the commercial market) for that animal and be of such voltage as not to cause injury, harm or death to said animal. Any injury, harm, or death caused by an electric shock system shall be considered cruelty. (Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 21.)

6.04.22 Court appearance. Any person who commits a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) or subsequent offense of any section of this ordinance shall be required to appear in court. (Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 23.)

6.04.23 Citations. Citations for violation of this ordinance may be issued to the owner or the custodian of the animal, but, if the owner or custodian of the animal is under eighteen (18) years of age, the citation may be issued to the parent or guardian of the owner or custodian. (Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 24.)

6.04.26 Fine. Any person violating any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in a sum not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each day a violation continues to occur shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ord. No. 2006-300, Sec. 27.)

#### 6.04.27 Dumping of animals

- A. No person shall dump, discard, or leave any animal, alive or dead, in the city limits of the city of Little Flock with no provision having been made for the maintenance, care, or disposal of the animal. Each animal so dumped, discarded, or left in the city limits of the city of Little Flock shall be considered a separate offense.
2. It shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this ordinance for any animal to be removed from a vehicle within the city limits of the city of Little Flock and for the vehicle to drive away leaving the animal behind.
3. It shall be presumed that the registered owner of a vehicle, from which any animal is removed and left in the city of Little Flock, is the person who removed the animal and left the animal in the city of Little Flock. The registered owner of such a vehicle may rebut this presumption by providing the name, address, and other reasonably requested information on the driver and occupants of the vehicle at the time and place of the violation of this ordinance.
4. Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. (Ord. No. 2005-284, Secs. 1-4.)