

CHARTER AND CODE OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK, v76 Updated 11-25-2004**PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION****Chapter 78, ANIMALS****ARTICLE III, Licensing and Impoundment of Dogs; Cats (Derived from Art. VIII of Ch. VI of the Charter and Ordinances, 1974; ame**

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§ 78-11. Public pound.

- A. There shall be established and maintained by the City of Buffalo a public pound in which shall be distrained and impounded all untagged and unlicensed dogs and in which shall be impounded all lost, strayed or homeless dogs found running at large within the city.
- B. The pound so established shall be maintained and operated under and by direction of the Commissioner of Street Sanitation, who is, together with any person in his Department designated by him, hereby charged with performing all the duties required for the seizure and impounding of such dogs and for the destruction or sale thereof in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.
- C. The pound is hereby authorized to impound and shelter lost, stray or homeless cats and to arrange for spaying or neutering of such cats. Fees for the adoption of such cats and any necessary shots or treatment shall be as provided in Chapter 175, Fees.

§ 78-12. Seizure, redemption periods and impoundment fees. [Amended 9-19-1995, effective 10-2-1995; 7-8-2003, effective 7-21-2003]

The seizure of dogs, the redemption periods and the impoundment fees shall be governed by Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York and as provided in Chapter 175, Fees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City of Buffalo shall maintain a redemption period of no less than three days, except that, where notice to the owner is given by mail, the redemption period shall be no less than seven days.

§ 78-13. Adoption; fee. [Amended 3-9-1999, effective 3-22-1999]

All dogs as to which title has been forfeited to the city pursuant to Article 7, § 118, of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York shall be made available for adoption in the discretion of the Commissioner of Street Sanitation. The city shall collect an adoption fee as provided in Chapter 175, Fees, at the time the custody of the dog is transferred; provided, however, that the new owner of the dog, upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the Commissioner of Street Sanitation that such dog has been spayed or neutered within 60 days after adoption, shall be entitled to a refund as provided in Chapter 175, Fees. The adoption fee may be waived for senior citizens upon the presentation of satisfactory proof of residency and identification as a senior citizen to the Commissioner of Street Sanitation.

§ 78-14. Proof of ownership required for redemption.

Before any dog is redeemed from such pound, the Commissioner of Street Sanitation shall require proper and sufficient proof of the ownership of said dog.

§ 78-15. Additional license fees.

In addition to the annual fees for dog licenses imposed by Article 7, § 110, of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, the additional fees for dog licenses as provided in Chapter 175, Fees, are hereby imposed as of October 1, 1979.

ARTICLE IV, Control of Dogs (Derived from Art. XXI of Ch. VII of the Charter and Ordinances, 1974)

§ 78-16. Legislative authority; enforcement.



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