

6.08.020 - Control of animals.

- D. Any dog found at large, running loose, or unrestrained off the owner's property may be impounded by the animal control officer for a period as prescribed by law.
1. If the dog is properly licensed, the first offense shall allow the dog to be returned to the owner without being spayed or neutered. The animal shall be microchipped by the Animal Control Department (or Designee) prior to return to the owner, at the owner's expense. The second violation shall require the dog to be spayed or neutered at the owner's expense.
 2. If the dog is not properly licensed, upon the first violation, the dog shall be returned to the owner only after the dog is properly licensed, microchipped, and spayed or neutered by the Animal Control Department (or designee) at the owner's expense. The City Manager, or Designee, may approve a one-time exception to spaying or neutering the animal if the owner shows good cause to the Manager that such an action is not warranted. Should the exception be granted, the animal shall be licensed, and microchipped at the owner's expense, and the owner shall pay the reclaiming fee, as adopted by City Council, before the animal is returned to them. The second violation shall require the dog to be spayed or neutered at the owner's expense.

Any dog impounded to enforce this requirement, and left unclaimed shall become the property of the City.