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## **Rules and Regulations Governing the Permitting of Non-Spayed/Neutered Dogs and Cats**

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Division of Animal Control**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE  
PERMITTING OF NON-SPAYED/NEUTERED DOGS AND CATS  
(Section 8-72, Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC);  
Ordinance #213, Series of 1993)**

1. Purpose: These rules and regulations clarify the requirements and conditions for obtaining a “permit” to own, possess or keep an intact animal within in the City and County of Denver. The requirement that a dog or cat owner have an annual ownership license from the Denver Animal Shelter and the requirement for a kennel license from the Denver Animal Shelter and zoning approval from the Department of Zoning Administration before allowing a dog/cat to breed remain unchanged.
2. Definitions: For purpose of section 8-72, DRMC:
  - (a) “. . . states in writing” means name, address and telephone number of veterinarian; name, address and telephone number of animal owner; type and breed of animal; age of animal; location where animal is kept; specific “extreme health conditions of animal” that make it unfit for spaying or neutering; expected duration of such condition; and signature and license number of veterinarian;
  - (b) “. . . intact” means the dog or cat has not been spayed or neutered as required by section 8-71, DRMC;
  - (c) “. . . examined regularly by a licensed veterinarian” means that no less than once a year an animal that is eligible for a permit has been examined by the owner’s veterinarian and the owner has some form of proof such as a receipt for services with an itemized list of services or a letter from their veterinarian;
  - (d) “. . . vaccinated annually for . . . other common diseases” means
    - (1) for a dog: vaccinated for Canine Distemper, Canine Infectious Hepatitis, Canine Parainfluenza, and Canine Parvo Virus, and at the discretion of the veterinarian, may include other vaccines such as Leptospirosis, Corona Virus, Bordatella, Brucella, etc.; and
    - (2) for a cat: vaccinated for Feline Panleukopenia (Feline Distemper), Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calici Virus, and at the discretion of the

veterinarian, may include other vaccines such as Chlamydia, Feline Leukemia, etc.;

(e) “. . . animal is housed properly” means

(1) for a dog: it must be kept indoors or in an enclosure that prevents the permitted animal from leaving or other animals from entering the property where it is maintained; shelter and water must be provided at all times; food must be made available at least once a day; excrement must not be allowed to accumulate; if the animal is housed in a cage of any sort, the cage must allow for the animal to make normal postural movements; if the animal is kept primarily in an enclosure, it must be large enough to allow the animal to run; fencing, shelter and cages must be of sound construction; and if taken off property, the animal must be in compliance with Denver’s leash law;

(2) for a cat; it must be kept indoors, food and water must be provided as needed; a litter box must be available for use by the animal; excrement must be removed frequently to avoid odors; if the animal is housed in a cage, it must have a floor area of at least two (2) square feet for a cat less than eight (8) pounds and at least three (3) square feet for a cat more than eight (8) pounds; and if taken off the property, the animal must be contained in a humane cage/carrier or otherwise controlled;

(f) “. . . sanctioned animal organization” means any organization which holds a show for their species on a regular basis or with the publicly-stated intent to do so on a regular basis; and

(g) “. . . temporarily in Denver to participate in a show or event” means being in Denver for less than thirty (30) days for such purpose.

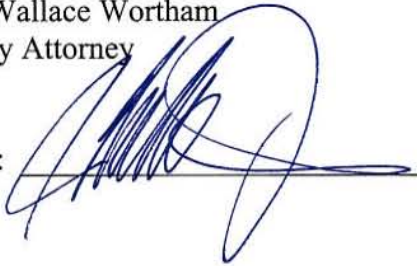
3. Fee: A fee of Ninety-three Dollars (\$93) shall be paid to the Denver Animal Shelter for issuance of a permit to maintain an intact animal within the City and County of Denver; this fee shall be in addition to the annual animal license fee and any kennel license fee, if applicable.

4. Revocation of a “Permit:” A permit issued under section 8-72, DRMC, to keep an intact animal within the City and County of Denver may be revoked by the Denver Animal Shelter (a) for failure to fulfill the obligations for humane treatment of the animal as set forth in section (2)(e) above, or (b) for violation of the animal licensing or kennel licensing and zoning requirements.

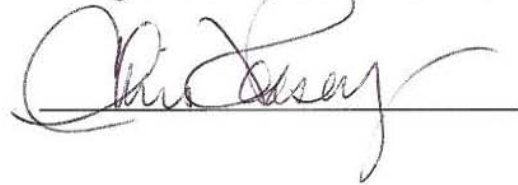
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