



CITY OF LASTRUP, MINNESOTA

DOG ORDINANCE #500

License required

No person shall own, keep, harbor or have custody of any dog over six (6) months of age within the City of Lastrup without obtaining a license from the City. Application for license shall be made on forms prescribed by the City. Every application for license shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog to be licensed has been given a vaccination against rabies.

- Visiting dogs may be kept unlicensed provided they are not on the premise for more than 21 days.
- Visiting dogs must follow all city leash and nuisance laws.
- Service dogs as defined by The federal Americans with Disabilities Act are exempt from licensing requirements.

License Fee

The license fee shall be ~~\$10.00~~. Fees are subject to change as deemed necessary by the council by resolution at the first meeting of the year.

- Dog license must be purchased no later than the close of the January City council meeting.
- New residents of Lastrup must license their dog within 45 days.
- Newly acquired dogs must be licensed within 45 days.
- All puppies born within the city limits must be licensed by 6 months of age.
- If you are a new resident obtaining a license in an even-numbered year, the price is prorated and reduced by 50 percent.
- If you are obtaining a license for a newly acquired dog during an even-numbered year, the price is prorated and reduced by 50 percent.
- Non-refundable. No refunds will be made on any dog license fee because of the removal of the dog from the city or because of the death of the dog before the expiration of the license period.

Tag Required

The City shall issue a metal tag for each license upon payment of required fees. Replacement of a lost tag is non-transferable to any other animal or to a new owner for a dog for which it is issued. The tag must be permanently attached to each dog's collar in such manner that the tag may be seen easily and worn at all times.

Replacement Tag

The city shall issue a replacement tag at a cost of ~~\$5.00~~ to the dog owner.

License renewal

Licenses issued by the city expire on December 31 of even number years. A new application and fees must be submitted with proof of current rabies vaccine on or before the January city council meeting of odd numbered years.

Limit of dogs on any one premises

Not more than two (2) dogs over six months of age shall be kept on any one premise except at a licensed kennel.

- A separate application must be filled out for all dogs on the premise.
- A separate application and fees must be submitted for kennel status.
- Residential Kennel
 - Required for 3 or more dogs.
 - City Council must approve, may limit the number of dogs, and may deny or revoke because of location, sanitation, maintenance or nuisance complaint problems.
 - No more than (1) litter of puppies per year to be classified as a residential kennel.
 - Must be renewed annually on or before December 31st each year.
 - ~~Residential Kennel fee of \$20.00 is in addition to each individual dog license fee.~~
- Commercial Kennel
 - Commercial Kennel is defined as a place where more than two (2) dogs over six months of age are kept, and where the business of selling, boarding, breeding, showing, training, treating or grooming of dogs is conducted.
 - City Council must approve any and all commercial kennels on a case by case basis.
 - Commercial Kennel fee of \$100.00
 - Dogs staying at kennel less than 21 days are not required to be licensed, if staying longer than 21 days the dog must be licensed per the City of Lastrup Dog Ordinance.

Running at large prohibited

No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the City limits of Lastrup. Any dog shall be deemed to be running at large unless it is:

- On a durable leash secured to an object which it cannot move and is on the premises of the owner.
- On a leash and under control or under effective command of accompanying person of suitable age and discretion.
- In owner's fenced yard or other suitable enclosure where dog cannot leave without human assistance.
- In a vehicle from which dog cannot leave without human assistance.

Property damage prohibited

No person having the custody or control of a dog will permit the animal to damage any lawn, garden or other property, public or private, or to defecate on public or private property, without the consent of the owner or possessor of the property. It is the duty of each person having the custody or control of a dog, to voluntarily and promptly remove any feces left by such dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street private or other public property, and to dispose of the feces in a sanitary manner and to have in immediate possession a device or equipment for the picking up and removal of feces.

Dog biting prohibited

Minn. Stat. Ann. sec. 347.22: Damages, owner liable.

- *If a dog, without provocation, attacks or injures any person who is acting peaceably in any place where the person may lawfully be, the owner of the dog is liable in damages to the person so attacked or injured to the full amount of the injury sustained. The term "owner" includes any person harboring or keeping a dog but the owner shall be primarily liable. The term "dog" includes both male and female of the canine species.*

Barking Nuisance

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, have in possession, or harbor any dog which by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise, produce noise which is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet from the building and unreasonably disturbs the peace, quiet, or repose of a person or persons of ordinary sensibility. The following barking behavior would meet the threshold of "nuisance":

- A dog barking continuously UNPROVOKED for more than 15 minutes.
- A dog barking continuously UNPROVOKED from 5-15 minutes with less than 30 minutes of "quiet time" between barking spells.
- A dog barking continuously UNPROVOKED for more than 10 minutes on 3 separate occasions in the period of 7 days.

Impounding and Enforcement

Any peace officer, city official and any person charged by the City to control dogs within the City limits may pick up and impound any dog found un-licensed or running at large even if wearing a tag.

- To enforce this Ordinance, such officers may enter upon private property where there is reasonable cause to believe that a dog is on the premises and is not licensed as required by this Ordinance or that there is a dog on the premises which is not being kept, confined or restrained, as herein provided.
- Any owner shall produce for inspection his dog license receipt when requested to do so by such officer, official or person.
- If the owner is known, notice shall be given to the owner concerning the impounding of such dog.
- In case the owner is unknown such officer shall post notice at the Morrison County Humane Society and at the City Hall
- If the dog is not claimed and/or recovered within five (5) regular business days (including Saturdays) of the notice, it may be deemed abandoned.
- All fees associated with the impounding of a dog are the sole responsibility of the dog owner. The City of Lastrup will not be held responsible in any way.

Disposal of unredeemed animals

In the event that the dog is not claimed within the time prescribed herein, it will be deemed abandoned, and will become the property of the Morrison County Humane Society, and may be disposed of in a proper and humane manner, or adopted or sold by the Morrison County Humane Society.

Penalties

- Failure to License a dog by set deadlines will result in a late fee of double the license fee.
- ~~A fee of \$10.00 shall be assessed for a third barking violation as detailed in the Reporting a Dog Barking Nuisance document.~~
- ~~\$10.00 fee shall double for every barking violation beyond the third, in a one year time frame, as detailed in the Reporting a Dog Barking Nuisance document.~~
- ~~All citations must be paid within 30 days of issue date.~~
- ~~Any unpaid fees at the end of the year shall be added to the dog owner's property taxes for the following year. A \$10.00 late fee will also be assessed for each late citation.~~

Licensing Instructions

- Fill out the appropriate application form(s) attached at the end of this document.
- Return completed application form(s) along with proof of rabies vaccination and appropriate fees to the Lastrup City Clerk or place in the mail slot on the front of city hall. The enclosed application may be photocopied for more than one dog.
- Keep this packet for your reference.
- Upon approval of your application a dog tag and a copy of the approved application will be mailed to the address provided.
- Upon receiving the dog tag permanently attach to each dog's collar in such manner that the tag may be seen easily and worn at all times. It will be the individual owners responsibility to ensure proper attachment to a collar. The city will not provide collars or be held responsible for lost tags.