

CITY OF STEPHENVILLE
Multiple Dog Permit Application

Date: _____ Fee Paid \$ _____

Owner's name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Telephone Number: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Driver's License: No. _____ State: _____

I swear and affirm that I am not boarding, breeding or selling animals for profit. (§90.37A) I further affirm that I shall maintain subject property in a manner that will not be detrimental to the health, safety or peace of mind of persons residing in the immediate vicinity. (§90.37G)

Owner

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by _____, on this the _____ day of _____, 2005, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Notary Public, State of Texas

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INSPECTION

Dates of Inspection: (1) _____ (2) _____

Number of Dogs (not to exceed 6): _____

Rabies Tags Current (all dogs): Yes No Final Approval _____
(ACO initials/date)

City Registration Current (all dogs) : Yes No Final Approval _____
(ACO initials/date)

Adequate Enclosure: Yes No Final Approval _____
(ACO initials/date)

Enclosed Area (1,000 sq.ft. per dog): _____ sq.ft. Final Approval _____
(ACO initials/date)

Proper/Adequate Shelter: Yes No Final Approval _____
(ACO initials/date)

Improvements needed to meet ordinance requirements: _____

PERMIT GRANTED: _____ **Date:** _____
(Animal Control Officer)

PERMIT DENIED: _____ **Date:** _____
(Animal Control Officer)

ORDINANCE REFERENCES

§90.02 Definitions. ENCLOSURE. A fenced area or structure that is reasonably capable of preventing the escape of a dog.

§90.06 Excessive Noise. No person will knowingly keep on their premises an animal that disturbs the peace by making excessive loud or obnoxious noises. Any person who has been notified by the Animal Control Officer or City Police Department that their animal is disturbing the peace in this manner has 24 hours from the time of notification to stop the disturbance and prevent its recurrence. Failure to do so within this time period is a violation of this chapter and will be considered a misdemeanor. Each 24-hour period such a violation occurs is punishable as a separate offense.

§90.20 General Care. No owner will fail to provide an animal in his/her care with sufficient good and wholesome food or water, adequate shelter and protection from weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering and humane care and treatment. Shelter shall be of sufficient size to allow each animal to stand up, lie down and turn around in a natural position and must have three sides, a roof and a floor.

§90.37 Multiple Dog Permit. If a person wishes to own more than three dogs, he/she may apply for a Multiple Dog Permit. In order to receive a Multiple Dog Permit, the owner must meet the following requirements:

- A. Sign a sworn statement that they are not (commercially or individually) boarding, breeding or selling animals for profit.
- B. Provide an enclosure as defined by §90.02 of this code.
- C. Provide a minimum outside open space of 1000 square feet for each dog.
- D. Provide adequate protection from the weather for each dog in the form of a shelter with three sides, a roof, and a floor that provides enough room for the dog(s) to stand up, lie down and turn around in a natural position.
- E. An inspection will be completed by the Animal Control Division prior to the Multiple Dog Permit being granted.
- F. Pay an annual permit fee that will be assessed by the city council.
- G. Any holder of a Multiple Dog Permit permitted under this chapter found to be in violation of any applicable law of the city or the state, or whose property is maintained in such a manner as to be detrimental to the health, safety or peace of mind of persons residing in the immediate vicinity, may have his/her Multiple Dog Permit revoked without prior notice by the Animal Control Division.

At no time will the total number of dogs or cats or any combination of both over the age of three months exceed six per residence.

§90.38 Rabies Vaccination.

- A. Any dog or cat four months of age or older within the city limits must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs and cats must be vaccinated within one year of receiving their first vaccination; regardless of the type of vaccine used or the age at which the animal was initially vaccinated. If the animal has received the two vaccinations and the last vaccination consisted of an annual rabies vaccine, the dog or cat must receive a vaccination within 12 months. If the last vaccination consisted of a triennial vaccine, the dog or cat must receive a vaccination within 36 months.
- B. If any unvaccinated dog or cat inflicts a bite, scratch or otherwise attacks any person within the city limits, a rabies vaccine will not be administered to the dog or cat until that animal is released from quarantine.
- C. Every dog or cat four months of age or older is required to wear a current rabies tag attached to its collar as proof that they have received a rabies vaccination. The dog or cat owner is required to present a current rabies vaccination certificate upon the request of the animal control officer or any police officer.

§90.39 License; Fees.

- A. License. All dogs and cats four months or older which are kept, harbored or maintained within the corporate limits of the city shall be licensed. To receive a license, the owner must show proof of a current rabies vaccination, in the form of a rabies vaccination certificate, and pay the required licensing fee for each animal. The license shall be valid for exactly one year from the issue date. The license may be obtained from the city or any licensed veterinarian within Erath County.
- B. Fees. All licensing fees will be assessed by the City Council.

§90.40 Tags. A tag will be issued to each licensed pet and shall be displayed on the animal at all times. Replacement tags for lost or stolen tags may be obtained by presenting the receipt for the current year's license fee and paying a replacement tag fee. Tags are not transferable and no refunds will be made.