

Dogs and Other Animals in the City of Hoboken - A Guide to Local Regulations



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Obtaining a Dog License

Dog licenses may be obtained in-person at the Bureau of Licensing and Vital Statistics, located on the ground floor of 124 Grand Street, Hoboken, NJ. Business hours are Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30

p.m. To apply by mail, or for related questions, please call 201-420-2365.

Livestock and Wildlife

Pursuant to Chapter 136, §136-29(A)(29) of the Code of the City of Hoboken, the following is prohibited and constitutes a public health nuisance:

- Keeping or harboring any livestock
- Keeping or harboring any unlawful wildlife unless specifically licensed by the Health Officer or pursuant to law.

Animal Control Services

The Hoboken Health Department currently contracts with the Associated Humane Societies for the purposes of animal control. Please call our office for additional information.

Free Rabies Vaccination Clinics

The Hoboken Health Department offers **free rabies vaccination clinics** twice a year, usually in January and May. Check the local

paper for information, or call the Health Department at 201-420-2375.

This service is offered to Hoboken residents only. Vaccinations are given to dogs and cats. Rabies vaccinations are a requirement for licensing, and must remain current throughout the licensing period (January—December). For dogs, an initial vaccination is good for a one-year period. Subsequent vaccinations are good for three (3) years, however, the Health Department recommends a vaccination every two years thereafter. Rabies vaccinations for cats are given yearly.



Cats as well as dogs are welcome at the Hoboken Health Department's rabies vaccination clinics.

Dog owners need to be aware of local ordinances

This pamphlet has been developed to provide dog owners, potential dog owners and other interested persons, who live in the City of Hoboken, information so that you may understand the regulations pertaining to owning and maintaining a dog in Hoboken.

A complete copy of Chapter 93 of the Code of the City of Hoboken (Dogs and Other Animals) may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, Hoboken City Hall, 94 Washington Street, Hoboken, NJ. The following sections are summaries.



Dogs must be secured on a leash no greater than six (6) feet in length.

§93-2. Licensing Requirements

All dogs of licensing age (7 months of age or possessing a permanent set of teeth) kept in the City of Hoboken must have a current Hoboken Health Department license. The license tag must be securely attached to the dog's collar or harness at all times. Guide dogs shall be licensed and registered pursuant to this chapter, however they are not subject to the fee provisions of Section 93-3. This license must be renewed yearly, in January. A late fee is assessed after January 31 of each year.

§93-3. License Fees

Spayed or neutered dog \$8.20

License fees, continued

Non-spayed, non-neutered \$11.20

Proof is required for spayed or neutered animals.

§93-5. Dogs brought into city

Dogs brought into the City of Hoboken, and kept here for more than ten (10) days must be licensed, unless such a dog is licensed under §93-7 (Kennels, pet shops and pounds).

§93-16. Deposits, droppings and fecal matter

No person shall suffer or permit any animal which such person owns or controls to soil, urinate, defecate or deposit any such droppings or fecal matter on any public sidewalk or area adjacent thereto, or upon any public grounds or parks, unless such person shall make a reasonable effort to clean such droppings, urination and fecal matter in good faith and within a reasonable time so as to prevent such soiling action, which soiling action is declared to be a public health nuisance detrimental to public health. It shall not be deemed a violation of this section if the offence is committed by a Guide dog.

NOTE: §110-23 of the Code of the City of Hoboken states that , "No person may use a refuse receptacle, dumpster, or demolition container for refuse storage or collection without the consent of the owner thereof." BE GOOD NEIGHBORS AND DON'T PUT DOG WASTE INTO ANOTHER'S GARBAGE CAN.

§93-17. Violations and penalties

A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by:

1. A fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.) and/or
2. Community service for a period not more than ninety (90) days or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days.

§93-19. Disturbing the peace

No person shall own, keep or maintain any dog which habitually barks or cries. The habitual

barking or crying of any dog or pet shall be deemed a nuisance.

§93-20. Leashing of dogs

No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall suffer or permit it upon the sidewalk, public streets, city parks, walkways, public building or public place unless it is accompanied by its owner or keeper and is safely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long, except if the dog is in a city dog run.

Dogs are permitted only upon the paved areas of the **Designated Waterfront Walkway**, so long as the dog is safely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long. No dog shall be permitted on any grass, gravel or other unpaved area of the **Designated Waterfront Walkway**.

No violation of this section shall exist for a Guide dog.

§93-21. Property damage

No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit it to do any damage to any property, public or private, including any lawn, shrubbery or flowers.

§93-22. Dogs in public parks or public playgrounds

No dogs or other animals, leashed or unleashed, are permitted in any public park or playground except to bring directly to and directly from a city dog run, without diversion, in any public park.

