

SECTION 14 -LICENSING REQUIREMENT AND IMPOUNDMENT FEES

14.1 LICENSING:

- a) All dogs/cats older than three (3) months which are kept, possessed, or controlled within Comal County shall be licensed by Animal Control at a rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per year unless they have been spayed or neutered.
- b) Spayed or neutered dogs/cats shall be licensed at a one-time fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the life of the animal.
- c) No person may use a license for any animal other than the animal for which it was issued.
- d) EXEMPTIONS: The following classifications need not obtain a license:
 - 1) Dogs possessed by animal breeders operating under a business name possessing a sales tax permit.
 - 2) Licensed veterinarians, sheltered and impounded animals.
 - 3) Dogs certified and trained to assist the physically handicapped.
 - 4) Governmental police-use dogs.
 - 5) Adoption agencies or institution members, as provided on a quarterly update to the Animal Control office.

14.2 IMPOUNDMENT FEES: Prior to the release of an impounded animal, the owner claiming such an animal shall pay a fee in accordance with the fee schedule adopted by Commissioners Court. In addition, costs of boarding the animal and vaccination, if applicable, together with any other costs incurred, will be due prior to release of the animal. Any person who owns an animal subject to impoundment fees and who pays impoundment fees more than twice will be subject to an additional thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each subsequent offense.

14.3 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: Any person who violates a provision of this Section may be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).