

PART II CODE OF ORDINANCES

CH. II-3 ANIMALS

Sec. 3-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

At large means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person whose personal presence and attention would reasonably control the conduct of the dog. Premises includes residences, including land and buildings, and motor vehicles belonging to the owner or keeper of the dog.

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Dangerous dog means a dog that bites an individual not trespassing on the dog owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the bite or a dog that causes a reasonable and prudent person who is not on the dog owner's or keeper's premises and is acting in a reasonable and non-aggressive manner to fear imminent bodily harm by assaulting or threatening to assault that individual or that individual's domestic animal. "Dangerous dog" does not include a dog certified by the state and used for law enforcement use.

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Keeper means a person in possession or control of a dog.

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Licensed dog means a dog whose owner or keeper has presented to town officials evidence that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies and has paid the annual registration fee for the dog.

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Nuisance dog means a dog which by *engages in* loud, frequent and continual barking, howling, or other loud or unusual noises, ~~unnecessarily annoys or disturbs any person at any time.~~ *in rapid succession for 20 minutes or more or intermittently for one hour or more in an unprovoked setting without legitimate cause for provocation.*

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Owner means any person, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

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