

Sec. 11.1060 Dogs – Dangerous Dogs Defined; Impoundment After Biting Person; When Confinement Required; Destruction

All dog licenses issued as provided by this Subchapter may be revoked whenever a dog is found to be dangerous. A dangerous dog is hereby defined, for the purpose of this Subchapter, to be a dog with the propensity to bite human beings. It shall be prima facie evidence that a dog is dangerous when it has bitten any person; provided, however, that such person is not trespassing upon the property of the owner

Whenever the owner of any dog has knowledge that such dog has bitten any human being, he shall immediately inform the police department and deliver it to the pound, to be held for a period of fourteen days, and a failure so to do shall be unlawful and punishable by fine not to exceed \$500.00. Whenever the poundmaster or any police officer is informed that any dog has bitten an human being and the owner has failed to do either of these things hereby required, it shall be their duty to impound such dog at the expense of the owner for such period of fourteen days. If it appears that such dog has rabies, the poundmaster shall cause the same to be destroyed. If such dog does not have rabies, it shall be released upon the payment of the impounding fees and daily feeding costs; provided, however, that if the owner of such dog has delivered such dog to the pound, as herein required, no impounding fee shall be charged.

In the event any dog shall have, on a second occasion, bitten a human being, the owner shall comply with Subsection 2, but such dog must thereafter, if kept in the city, at all times be confined in a secure pen in such a manner that it cannot escape, and such pen must be inspected and approved by the chief of police. If such dog is in the public pound, it shall not be released until the chief of police has examined and approved such pen. If the owner of such dog shall refuse to provide such pen, the provisions of Section 11.1050 shall apply.

Any dog whose license has been revoked upon the ground that it is dangerous dog shall be forthwith destroyed if it shall thereafter be observed outside of the pen in which it shall be required to be confined.