

Ordinance 2021-11

Title 6 Animals

6.08.010 License required.

- A. Licensing Required. Any person keeping, harboring or maintaining any dog or cat over three (3) months of age, within the city of Belen shall obtain a license from the M.R.S. for each dog or cat. The M.R.S. shall keep a record of all licenses issued and shall issue a tag for each license granted. A current rabies vaccination certificate shall be presented at the time of the application for the license. Licenses shall be issued annually.
- B. Affixing Tag. A current license tag and rabies tag shall be affixed to the licensed animal at all times in a reasonable manner. In the event a tag is lost, a replacement tag shall be obtained for a charge of two dollars (\$2.00).
- C. Unlawful Use of License Tags. It is unlawful for any person to remove any license tag from one animal to another. It is unlawful for any person to manufacture or cause to be manufactured or to have in his possession or under his or her control a stolen, counterfeit, or forged animal license tag, rabies, vaccination certificate or other form of licensing as required under this title.

D. Annual License Fee Schedule.

1.	for each unneutered male dog	\$25.00
2.	for each unneutered male cat	\$25.00
3.	for each unspayed female dog	\$25.00
4.	for each unspayed female cat	\$25.00
5.	for each neutered male dog	\$ 5.00
6.	for each neutered male cat	\$ 5.00
7.	for each spayed female dog	\$ 5.00
8.	for each spayed female cat	\$ 5.00
9.	Hobby kennel license	\$25.00
10.	Commercial kennel	\$100.00
11.	Fowl Permit (6 or less)	\$15.00
12.	Fowl Permit (7 or more, up to 15)	\$25.00
11.	Livestock permit (Goats, Sheep, Horses, Cattle)	\$50.00

For each dog or cat certified as a surgical risk for spaying or neutering, the license fee shall be five dollars (5.00). This license will be issued only upon presentation of a certificate from a licensed veterinarian stating that spaying or neutering would be a surgical risk for said animal since, due to the animal's age or condition, the operation would endanger the life of the animal.

- E. Exemptions. The provisions of this section do not apply to dogs or cats whose owners are nonresidents, temporarily within the city, nor to dogs or cats brought into the city for the purpose of participating in any dog or cat show, nor to guide and therapy dogs or cats purposely trained to assist the disabled when such dogs or cats are actually used by the disabled. Future Farmers of America and any other educational animal programs do not have to obtain said permit requirement.

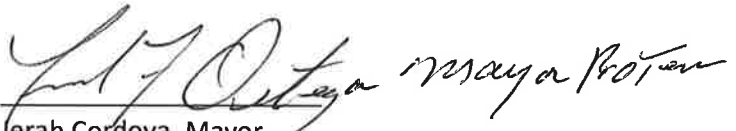
- F. Nonresidents who keep said animals within the confines of the boundaries of the city of Belen for less than ninety (90) consecutive days shall be exempt from this section; provided, however, that all other provisions of this title must be complied with.
- G. Animals that have a current registered microchip with city of Belen will not be charged a license fee for the life of the animal. Guide and therapy dogs or cats will be licensed by the city of Belen at no charge to the disabled.

(Ord. No. 2020-11, 11-16-2020)

EFFECTIVE DATE; This Ordinance shall become effective five days after publication as provided law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, by the Governing Body of the City of Belen, this 20th day of September, 2021, at the Regular Meeting of the Belen City Council.




Jerah Cordova, Mayor