



Title 7 Amendments



Amendments Address:

- Allows veterinary clinic partners to exchange/return unused registration tags
- Clarifies definitions Grooming Ordinance
- Align with recently passed new Special State Session bill on Unlawful Restraint
- General language clean up



Customer Service Driven Amendment

7.12.020. - Registration, vaccination, and microchips required.

B. Upon application by a veterinarian, the program shall furnish the veterinarian with a supply of microchips and pre-numbered registration certificates and corresponding tags. The veterinarian shall be authorized to receive applications and issue registration certificates and tags for animals that are currently vaccinated and microchipped. Copies of all certificates issued shall be distributed and transmitted to various city agencies in accordance with arrangements made by the program with the veterinarians, provided that no information shall be released in violation of Texas Health and Safety Code Section 826.0211.

2. A veterinarian may exchange or return up to 100 unused, expired from the previous year tags for current year tags annually. This section does not apply to lost tags.

Grooming Ordinance Clarifications

7.15.080 - Groomer license suspension or revocation.

C. Notice of Intent to Suspend. Prior to the issuance of a suspension pursuant to paragraph A of this section, the director will issue a notice of intent to suspend. The notice of intent to suspend will include the following:

4. **Ten calendar day** ~~Reasonable~~ time limit for the completion of the corrective measures;

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E. Revocation of Groomer's License. The director may revoke a groomer's license subject to this chapter if the director determines that any of the following occurred:

3. The license **holder** is ~~convicted of~~ **found to be** violating a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.;
4. The license holder is ~~convicted of having been~~ **found to have been** intoxicated or under the influence of a mind altering substance while providing grooming services;

7.15.090 - Shop registration required.

D. A registered shop shall only employ and/or allow groomers in possession of a current, valid groomer license issued by the city, to provide grooming services and must adhere to the following:

2. The shop must perform a mandatory **state-wide criminal** background check on any groomer employed by or allowed to use the shop;
3. Any groomer with a conviction for animal cruelty or any similar violation (e.g., battery, assault, domestic violence, any crime of a violent nature) within the previous ~~ten~~ **seven** years must not be employed by or allowed use of the shop;

Grooming Ordinance Clarifications

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M. All documents relevant to the groomer's application, criminal background check, and supporting documents shall be available on site for inspection.

7.15.100 - Shop registration application.

A. Shop registration shall be required for any shop where animal grooming is performed. No shop shall be allowed to perform animal grooming without first having obtained and paid for a valid registration from the permit official. Applications shall be on forms obtained from the permit official and shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

5. Copy of **all** groomers' current animal grooming licenses issued by the department; **shops will not be issued shop registration without licensed groomers;**

7.15.140 - Denial.

A. The permit official shall deny an application for shop registration, whether original or renewal, by serving the applicant with written notice by regular mail, if:

2. The permit official finds any of the following:

d. That the applicant does not have any licensed groomers employed to operate.

Unlawful Restraint

Changes made as a result of Unlawful Restraint bill signed in October by Gov. Abbott.

- Amendments will update our ordinance definitions to match new State legislation

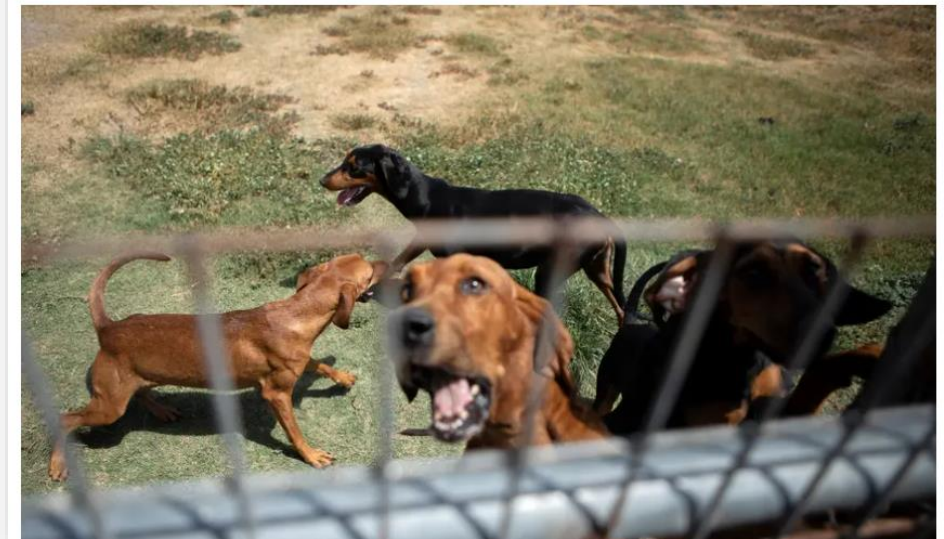
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Gov. Greg Abbott signs dog tethering bill after vetoing similar proposal over the summer

Abbott criticized an earlier proposal as "micro-managing." But advocates say the differences between the original bill and the new law won't affect its impact.

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