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Sec. 9-4-1 Bird sanctuary; wildlife.

- a. The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the city is designated as a bird sanctuary.
- b. It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, molest or kill any wild bird or to remove eggs from any wild bird's nest; provided, however, if nuisance birds such as starlings are found to be congregating in such numbers in a particular locality so as to constitute a nuisance or a menace to health or property in the opinion of the mayor and council, those birds may be destroyed as humanly as possible, under the supervision of the buildings and grounds director, in such numbers and in such manner as is deemed advisable by the mayor and council.
- c. It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, molest or kill any other wild game in the city except by order of the chief of police.

Sec. 9-4-2 Fowl or livestock running prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in control of any domestic fowl or livestock to allow that domestic fowl or livestock to run at large within the city.

Sec. 9-4-3 Enclosures for animals and fowl.

Any housing or enclosure used for the keeping of animals or fowl shall be well drained, free from accumulations of animal excrement and objectionable odors, and otherwise clean and sanitary.

Sec. 9-4-4 Leash law.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any owner or possessor of any dog to allow the dog to run at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not, within the city. Any and all such dogs found running at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not, shall be immediately impounded by officers of the city.
- b. Any dog is considered running at large and not under immediate control if it is not on a leash, not at heel, or not beside a competent person and obedient to that

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person's commands. A dog is under control when it is in a vehicle driven or parked, or confined within the property limits of his or her owner.

Sec. 9-4-5 Vicious or diseased dogs.

- a. Any dog that has attacked and bitten a person or other animal without provocation or has attempted to bite a person or other animal without provocation shall be deemed a vicious dog.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, permit, accompany or be responsible for the presence of any vicious or diseased dog on the streets or public places of the city or allow the dog to run on the premises of another, at any time; unless and in addition to the other requirements of Section 9-4-4, the dog shall be securely muzzled to effectively prevent it from biting any person or other animal.

Sec. 9-4-6 Summons.

A city officer, at his discretion, may elect not to impound a dog or other animal found in violation of any section of this chapter, but to issue or cause to be issued a summons directed to the owner or possessor of the dog to appear before the municipal court for the violation of this chapter.

Sec. 9-4-7 Penalties.

Any person violating this chapter may be punished as provided in section 1-1-5 of this code.