



6.16.270 Vicious animal hearing.

Where there exists evidence sufficient to give rise to the suspicion that a dog or other animal falls within the provisions of subsection 6.16.250.A, the superintendent of animal control shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of determining whether the dog or other animal is a vicious animal. The superintendent shall notify the owner of the animal, and may notify any interested parties of the time and place of hearing. At such hearing the owner and any interested party shall be given the opportunity to present any evidence relevant to the issue.

After such hearing the superintendent is empowered to declare such dog or other animal to be a vicious animal. (Ord. C-6487 § 4 (part), 1988).

6.16.280 Disposition of vicious animals.

Any dog or other animal declared to be a vicious animal may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be humanely destroyed. Such humane destruction shall occur no earlier than ten (10) days following notice given to the owner of such animal of intention to destroy. (Ord. C-6487 § 4 (part), 1988).

6.16.290 Issuance of rules and regulations--Summary destruction.

- A. If, after the hearing provided in this chapter, it is determined that the dog or other animal is vicious, the superintendent of animal control, if he elects not to destroy the animal, may issue certain rules and regulations pertaining to the keeping and containing of such animal.
- B. If such dog or other animal is thereafter determined to be in violation of any rule or regulation as made pursuant to subsection 6.16.290.A of this section, such animal shall be impounded and thereafter subject to summary destruction no earlier than ten (10) days following notice given to the owner of intention to destroy.
- C. Any owner of a dog or other animal who knowingly permits such animal to violate any rule and regulation set forth pursuant to subsection 6.16.290.A of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. C-6487 § 4 (part), 1988).

6.16.300 Liability for charges.

The owner of a dog or other animal impounded pursuant to this chapter shall be liable for any and all of the prevailing board and keep charges at the animal control center. (Ord. C-6487 § 4 (part), 1988).



Current Long Beach Vicious Animal Regulations

6.16.250 Vicious animals -- Defined.

A. "Vicious animal" is any animal which bites or attempts to bite any human or animal without provocation, or which has a disposition or propensity to attack, bite or menace any human or animal without provocation and endangers the health and safety of any person.

B. Any animal who bites or attempts to bite a person or other animal that is unlawfully on its owner's premises, or which has been provoked or teased, or which is otherwise performing its duties as a police dog, shall not be deemed to be a vicious animal. (Ord. C-6487 § 1, 1988; Ord. C-6093 § 1 (part), 1984).

6.16.260 Impoundment of vicious animal.

A. Any law enforcement or animal control officer of the city shall have the authority summarily and immediately to impound a dog or other animal where there is evidence it is vicious within the meaning of this chapter.

B. Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of this chapter, such official may enter private property at all reasonable times to inspect same or to perform any duty imposed by this chapter; provided, that if such private property is occupied, such official shall first present proper credentials and demand entry. If entry is refused, or if the owner or other person having control of such property is not present to permit entry, such official shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry at a later time.

C. Any person keeping or harboring such dog or other animal subject to being impounded who fails to surrender the animal to such official upon demand shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. If the dog or other animal cannot be safely taken up and impounded, it may be destroyed forthwith by such law enforcement or animal control officer. (Ord. C-6487 § 2, 1988; Ord. C-6093 § 1 (part), 1984).