

Removal of dog excrement required; exceptions.

Sec. 4-41. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or having custody or control of a dog to fail to remove immediately the dog excrement from any public or private property other than property owned or occupied by the person owning, keeping or having custody or control of said dog. The provisions of this section shall not apply to guide or leader dogs used by blind persons or to dogs used by Police Officers for law enforcement or tracking purposes or to service dogs for physically limited persons who are unable to comply with this section. The penalty for violations of this section shall be administered as provided in section I-12.

(Code 1978, § 4-32; Ord. No. 1994-6, § I, 8-4-1994)

Nuisances.

Sec. 4-422. No person shall allow a dog over which he has custody or control to remain on his property or premises if the same shall constitute a nuisance as the term is defined by the laws of this State. For purposes of this section it shall constitute a nuisance per se for a dog to bark, howl, whine, or emit any noises whatsoever in a continuous manner for a period of one hour or longer so as to disturb any occupant of any adjoining or adjacent property within hearing distance of such property, or for a condition to result from the keeping of such dog whereby an obnoxious odor emanates therefrom, detectable beyond the limits of the property of such owner or keeper.

(Code 1978, § 4-39)



We all have rights and responsibilities ... whether as a local government, property owner or tenant. We all need to work together as a community to support, protect and even enhance our quality of life in Hinesville. Our principles and values affect where we live, work and play. May we each do our part to better Hinesville whether it is home for a day or a lifetime.

If you have any questions, please contact our Code Enforcement

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Keeping of Pets

We all love our furry companions, but did you know that the City of Hinesville has codes that protect our animals, and our neighbors? Not only does the City seek to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe, so we ask that our animals be kept leashed, but we also want to keep our animals safe, so we have prohibited tethering any animal unless attached to a cable or trolley system. We want to see long, healthy relationships between pet owner, pets, and our neighborhoods!



George W. Smith, Jr., Director

Animals in Hinesville— Definitions

Animal means all animals customarily vaccinated against the disease of rabies. This shall include, but not be limited to, dogs and cats.

At large means off the premises of the owner and not under restraint.

Livestock means all animals of the equine, bovine, or swine class, including goats, sheep, mules, horses, hogs, cattle, and other grazing animals, and all ratites, including, but not limited to, ostriches, emus, and rheas.

Owner means any person having a right of property in an animal, or who keeps or harbors an animal or who has it in his care, or acts as its custodian or who permits an animal to remain on or about his premises.

Tethered means an animal attached to a stationary object by a chain, cable, or similar device commonly used for the size and type of animal involved. An animal is not considered tethered when the animal is attached to a stationary object when the owner or custodian is physically within reach of the animal.

Under restraint means secured by a leash or lead held by an able-bodied person.

(Code 1978, § 4-1; Ord. No. 2007-10, § 1(1), 10-4-2007)



Manner of keeping, prohibited conditions; complaint.

Sec. 4-5. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any animal or fowl in the City in such manner as to create an unsanitary or obnoxious condition, or to become noisy, offensive or a nuisance to the neighbors or citizens of the City, or to disturb the peace of the City.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any pen, coop or enclosure for animals or fowl, or to permit any animal or fowl to be kept, maintained or grazed, within 300 feet of any house or building where people reside or work. This section shall not apply to dogs or cats that are household pets, but it shall apply to dog kennels, where more than one dog is kept.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain more than five domestic animals on the premises of any residential property within the City. For the purposes of this section, residential property shall include all property zoned for residential use and properties that are being used for residential purposes regardless of zoning.

Vicious animals.

Sec. 4-6. It shall be unlawful for any owner or other person to maintain or harbor within the City a manifestly vicious animal unless the same is securely, but humanely, confined or restrained in such manner as to prevent such animal from attacking or biting a person or another animal. It shall be prima facie evidence of viciousness if an animal, without provocation, fiercely attacks or bites persons or other animals not on the owner's premises.

(Code 1978, § 4-6)

Keeping of hogs or pigs prohibited.

Sec. 4-7. It shall be unlawful for any person to pen, confine or keep hogs or pigs within the City.

(Code 1978, § 4-7)

Tethering.

Any tethering device used to tether an animal must be at least ten feet in length.

The tethering of an animal is prohibited unless attached to a running cable or trolley system. Running cable or trolley systems are permitted, provided that:

Only one animal may be attached to each running cable or trolley system;

A running cable line or trolley system must have a swivel installed at each end and be attached to a stationary object that cannot be moved by the animal;

The running cable line or trolley system must be at least ten feet in length and mounted at least four feet and no more than seven feet above ground level;

The length of the tether from the running cable line or trolley system to the animal's collar should allow access to the maximum available exercise area and allow the animal free access to food, water, and shelter;

The animal attached to a properly fitted harness or collar not used for display of a current rabies tax and other identification; and with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two fingers may fit. Choke collars and pinch collars are prohibited for the purpose of tethering an animal to a running cable line or trolley system;

The animal is tethered at sufficient distance from any other objects to prevent the tangling of the cable, from extending over an object or an edge that could result injury or strangulation of the animal and be of sufficient distance from an fence so as to prohibit the animal access to the fence; and

The animal has proper food, water, and shelter.
(Code 1978, § 4-5; Ord. No. 2007-10, § 1(2), 10-4-2007)

