

"At large" means off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of his immediate family either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

"Abandon" means to forsake entirely, or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner, or his agent. Such abandonment shall constitute the relinquishment of all rights and claims by the owner to such animal.

"Harbor" means to suffer or permit any animal to frequent or remain on or within one's house, building, enclosure or premises, and to feed, lodge or otherwise care for such animal.

"Kennel" means any person, group of persons or corporation engaged in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling or boarding animals.

Section 5. License Fee Period. The license for any dog or cat shall expire on the 31st day of December following the date of its issuance. The annual license fee is payable within the first two (2) months of the calendar year or within one (1) week after the date on which such dog or cat is acquired, whichever is later. The annual license fee for each dog or cat is Five Dollars (\$5.00). Written certification by a licensed veterinarian must be presented upon application for the fees applicable above.

Section 6. License Exceptions. A current year license issued by another governmental jurisdiction which requires rabies inoculation as a licensing prerequisite will be honored by the Town of Boswell as a valid license through the above specified expiration date. No license fee shall be applied for work dogs.

Section 7. Limitation on Number. Not more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats shall be allowed in the residence or on the property of the owner of a dog or cat.

Section 8. Exception to Restrictions on the Number of Dogs or Cats.

(1) The owner of a dog or cat may retain the puppies born of said dog or kittens born of said cat exceeding the permissible number set forth in the previous Section for twelve (12) weeks after birth of the animals. If after that time there are more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats in the residence or on the property of the owner, it will be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

(2) Any person who lawfully owned more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats prior to the enactment of this Ordinance may retain their animals, provided they retain a special permit from the Town Clerk Treasurer. The special permit shall be for a term of one (1) year and no renewal shall be issued without a subsequent inspection by the Boswell Town Marshall. A special permit shall be issued after an inspection if it is determined by the inspector that: