

ORDINANCE NO. 25-0006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
AMENDING MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTERS 5.01 (ANIMALS – POUND: DOGS) AND 5.04
(LICENSING OF DOGS) OF TITLE 5 TO REVISE THE
CITY’S DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND MAKE
OTHER MINOR CHANGES

THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 5.01.150 of Chapter 5.01 of Title 5 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“5.01.150 - License fees.

A. In order to accommodate the public of the City and to expedite the issuance of licenses required by this chapter, the Animal Licensing Authority is hereby authorized, subject to the general authority of the Poundmaster, to issue any license required by this chapter at the office of the Animal Licensing Authority.

B. Every person owning, harboring, or controlling any dog within the City shall procure an annual license for the keeping and maintaining of such dog and shall pay to the Animal Licensing Authority or contractor employed by the City to enforce and carry into effect the provisions of this chapter, a license fee as established by Council under separate resolution; provided, however, that except as provided by this Section it shall not be necessary to procure a license or pay a license fee for any dog under the age of (4) months.

C. Proof of current and valid rabies vaccination for each dog to be licensed must be presented to the Animal Licensing Authority for a license to be issued. Each dog license shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance, except that a license shall no longer be valid if a current rabies vaccination certificate is not on file with the City. The dog license must be renewed annually for each dog. The license fee for such annual license shall be paid within thirty days after moving into the City, or within thirty days after acquiring ownership or control of the dog, and annually thereafter within 30 days of the anniversary date of the initial payment of the license fee.”

SECTION 2. Section 5.01.190 of Chapter 5.01 of Title 5 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to reads as follows:

“5.01.190 - Delivery of tags and receipts to dog owner.

The City Animal Licensing Authority, upon the payment of the license fee required by Section 5.01.150 of this chapter, shall deliver to the owner or person having control or charge of any dog within the City an appropriate tag for which such license has been paid and shall also deliver to such person a signed receipt for such sum of money as shall have been paid as license fee. The dog tag shall be issued as a life-time tag that shall remain valid for as long as the dog’s owner or person having the care, control, or custody of the dog has a valid dog license for that dog from the City.”

SECTION 3. Section 5.01.200 of Chapter 5.01 of Title 5 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to reads as follows:

“5.01.200 - Tags to be attached to dog.

The owner or person having the care, control, or custody of any dog upon which a license fee shall have been paid shall securely fasten the tag upon a suitable collar and securely fasten the collar with the tag attached thereto, upon the dog. A dog "harness" or other device may be substituted in lieu of the collar if so desired.”

SECTION 4. Section 5.04.030 of Chapter 5.04 of Title 5 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to reads as follows:

“5.04.030 - Vaccination certificate.

Every person practicing veterinary medicine in the City who vaccinates a dog with a rabies vaccine shall issue to the person keeping, harboring, or having such dog a certificate which is signed by the veterinarian and which states thereon the name and description of said dog, the date of such vaccination, and type of vaccine used, and the veterinarian shall send a duplicate copy thereof to the Animal Licensing Authority.”

SECTION 5. Internal Consistency. Any provisions of the Municipal Code, or any other resolution or ordinance of the City, to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and the City Clerk shall make any necessary changes to the Municipal Code for internal consistency.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any part of this Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the City Council intends that such invalidity will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions or their application and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 7. Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council finds that Ordinance No. 25-0006 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. There is no possible significant environmental effect directly related to the adoption of this Ordinance;

therefore, no further action is required under CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 8. Certification and Publication. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 9. The Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 31st day after its passage.

ADOPTED on July 15, 2025.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

AMY THOMAS HOWORTH
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

QUINN M. BARROW
City Attorney