

**Sec. 8-16. - Leash law.** 

(a)

It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor or person who keeps any dog to permit the same to run at large.

(b)

A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when:

(1)

Not on the premises of the owner, possessor or keeper thereof and not controlled through use of a leash, cord or chain held by the dog's owner, possessor or keeper or an agent, servant or member of the immediate family thereof; or

(2)

On the premises of the owner, possessor or keeper, but confined in such a way as to allow the dog to have access to the public right-of-way.

(c)

It shall be the duty of the chief of police and all other police officers to see that a dog found running at large is taken up and impounded in the municipal animal shelter, and such dog may be so taken up without the necessity of filing a complaint and shall be impounded and disposed of in accordance with provisions of article VIII of this chapter.

(d)

Any police officer, including special police, who is employed by the city is hereby authorized to issue a summons and complaint to any person when such officer personally observes a violation of the provisions of this section or when information is received from any person who has personal knowledge that an act or acts which are made unlawful by the provisions of this section have occurred.

(e)

Paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to persons who are at least eighteen (18) years of age who own, possess, or control a dog while that dog is within a designated off-leash enclosure.

(f)

The manager may, with the concurrence and consent of the chief agency executive with control responsibility for the property involved, designate specific areas for dog off-leash enclosures. The manager shall, pursuant to article VI of [chapter 2](#) of this Code, propose to the board of environmental health rules and regulations for the construction and use of dog off-leash enclosures.

*(Code 1950, §§ 752.1—752.3; Ord. No. 94-81, § 1, 3-9-81; Ord. No. 260-92, § 1, 5-4-92; Ord. No. 809-98, § 1, 11-16-98)*

**Cross reference**— *Streets, sidewalks and other public ways, Ch. 49.*