

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following Municipal Code Sections may be of interest to you if you are a pet owner in LAGUNA BEACH.

6.06.010 Registration required for dogs. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor or keep any dog four months of age or older within the city unless there is attached to such dog a collar upon which there is a current number metal tag. The collar need not be attached to the dog while such dog remains in the building of the owner or other person having custody thereof, or in the enclosed yard adjacent thereto. Nothing contained in this section, however, shall be construed to relieve the necessity of having a current tag for each dog.

6.16.010 Leash required - restraint of dogs. No person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog shall cause or allow, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such dog to be upon any private property unless such dog be restrained thereon by a fence, wall, substantial chain, leash not exceeding six feet in length, other appropriate physical restraint, and is under the charge of a person competent to exercise care, custody, and control over such dog. No person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog shall cause or allow, either wilfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such dog to be upon any highway, street, alley or any other public property unless such dog be restrained by a substantial chain, or leash not exceeding six feet in length, and is under the charge of a person competent to exercise care, custody and control over such dog, unless the owner or operator of such public property grants written permission for such dog to be on such property without such chain or leash.

6.16.100 Animal noises prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or permit, on any lot, parcel of land or premises under his control, any animal which, by any persistent sound or cry, disturbs the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the neighborhood or interferes with the reasonable and comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

6.16.020 Dogs on beaches, in parks and school grounds -when and where prohibited. (a) In addition to the restrictions provided in Section 6.16.010, and except as provided to the contrary in this section, it is unlawful for any dog to be within the following designated beach and park areas within the city, and it is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning or having charge of any dog to permit or allow such dog to be within the following beach and park areas, whether or not confined by leash, at the following times: (1) At any and all times within Bluebird Park, and within Boat Canyon Park between June 1st and September 15th of each calendar year; (2) At such times and within those areas of Heisler Park as the city council may from time to time fix and designate by resolution; (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions for this code, no person shall take any dog, whether leashed or unleashed, upon any public beach in the city between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. from June 1st to September 16th, nor shall any person owning or having charge, care, custody or control of any dog cause, permit or allow such dog to be upon any such beach at any time during the above-specified hours; (4) At any and all times upon any public school grounds, dogs are prohibited, whether or not confined by leash, unless prior written authorization by school district is obtained. (5) At any and all times in tot lots or play equipment areas of any city park or beach. (b) The restrictions and prohibitions of this section, and of Section 6.16.010, shall not be applicable to dogs while they are enrolled and participating in obedience classes sponsored by the recreation department of the city, or to guide dogs for blind persons.

6.16.030 Trespassing. No person owning or having charge, care or custody of any animal shall permit such animal to trespass or be upon any private property of another person without the consent of such person.

6.16.040 Property damage. No person owning or having charge, care or custody of any animal shall permit such animal to damage or destroy public property or the property of any person other than that of the owner of such animal.

6.16.110 Excreta nuisance prohibited. It is unlawful for the owner or person having charge, custody or control of any animal to fail to immediately remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner, by placing in a closed or sealed container and depositing in a trash receptacle, any feces deposited by such animal upon public or private property, without the consent of the public or private owner or person in lawful possession of the property, other than that property owned or controlled by the owner or person having custody of such animal. Any person who has charge, custody or control of an animal in a location other than on the property of such person or the property of the owner of the animal, shall have in possession a suitable wrapper, bag or container (other than articles of clothing) for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this section. The provisions of this section shall not apply to unsighted persons being accompanied by a guide dog.

6.16.130 Disturbing the peace. It is unlawful for any person owning, controlling or having in his care or keeping any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, to suffer, permit or allow said animal to disturb the peace and comfort of any person by any persistent barking, howling or crying, or to otherwise physically interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of life or property.

6.20.010 Permit required - livestock. It shall be unlawful to keep any equine, bovine, swine, sheep or goat within the corporate city limits without a permit from the director of animal services. Every such person desiring to keep such livestock shall file an application for a permit with the animal services manager, containing such information as the animal services manager requires.

6.20.020 Poultry and rabbits. No person shall keep or maintain, or cause to be kept or maintained, within the corporate city limits any poultry or rabbits, except under the following conditions: (1) Such poultry and animals shall, under no circumstances, be permitted to run at large, but shall be at all times confined within a suitable house or coop with enclosed runway. (2) Such house or coop runway shall, at all times, be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

6.22.070 Prohibiting of feeding certain wildlife. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to feed or in any manner provide food for nondomesticated mammalian predators such as coyotes (*Canis Latrans*). This section shall also include a ban on feeding or providing food to raccoons, foxes, skunks and opossums.