

Owner Responsibilities

Licensing

- Any dog or cat over 6 months of age must be licensed.
- License is due January 1st of each year, or beginning when the animal is 6 months of age.
- License Tags are to be worn at all times.
- Licensing fees:
 - **Not** spayed or neutered- \$15.00
 - **Is** spayed or neutered- \$5.00
- Documents needed for licensing:
 - A Certificate from vet of up-to-date **rabies vaccine** and if the animal is **spayed or neutered**.
 - **Licenses are non-transferable and non-refundable.**

Cleaning up after your pet

- Immediate pickup of feces while on public property or private property of another and dispose of in a sanitary matter.

Restraining your pet

- All dogs must be kept under restraint using one of the following: leash, cord, chain, enclosed (ex: kennel or fence).
- Restraint must be done when in the following areas: street, sidewalk, Public Park, public place, bike path, greenway, private land belonging to another.

**Does not apply to leash-free Dog Park

Noise Prevention

- Harboring/Maintaining a dog that makes loud or disagreeable noises to the extent that neighbors are disturbed is ILLEGAL.

Impound

- Any dog or cat running or being “at large” within the City of Grand Forks will be considered a nuisance and shall be impounded in a suitable

place provided by the city, and will be notified as soon as reasonably possible.

- Before release of animal you will need to pay a **\$35.00 fee** to the City of Grand Forks at 255 N 4th Street in Grand Forks, and **license** your animal if it is not already.
- You have four days in which to claim your pet.
- After four days the police chief has the right to do any of the following: Discard the animal, deliver the animal to the Humane Society, or deliver the animal to another person who is not the original owner.

Dog or cat in heat

- Female dogs or cats in heat must be confined on the owner’s premises.

Number of animals per household

- Households are permitted to have 6 cats and dogs combined, no more than 3 of which can be dogs.

It is the owner’s responsibility of an animal to- exercise reasonable care and take all necessary steps and precautions to protect other people, property, and animals from

injuries or damage which might result from the animal's behavior.

Preventing the spread of rabies-Any dog or cat suspected of having rabies that bites a person or another animal will be impounded or quarantined for a period of not less than ten days at the owner's expense.

Listing of city codes regarding animal licensing:

Duty of Responsibility-GFCC 11-0122
Licensing-GFCC 11-0107, GFCC 11-0108, GFCC 11-0104, GFCC 11-0105, GFCC 11-0111

Cleaning up after your pet-GFCC 11-0125

Dog or Cat "at large"-GFCC 11-0112

Dog or Cat in heat-GFCC 11-0113

Leash Requirements-GFCC 11-0121

Noise Prevention-GFCC 11-0116

Number of dogs allowed-GFCC 11-0123-

Dogs under 6 months GFCC 11-0124

Impound-GFCC 11-00120

Prevention/Spread of Rabies GFCC 11-0120

Questions/Concerns please contact:

City of Grand Forks

255 N 4th St

Grand Forks, ND 58203

P: 701-746-2620

Fines & Penalties

Animal Related Offenses	City Code	Bonds/Fines
Barking Dogs (1 st offense)	11-0116	\$51
Barking Dogs (more than one offense in 3 years)	11-0116	MA
Cruelty to Animals	11-0214	MA
Dangerous Animal	11-0302	MA
Dog/Cat "at large" 1 st offense in 3 years	11-0112	\$31
Dog/Cat "at large" 2nd offense in 3 years	11-0112	MA
Dog/Cat "at large" 3rd offense in 3 years	11-0112	MA
Dog/Cat License Required older than 6 months	11-0102	\$31
Resisting/Hindering CSO Impounding a dog or cat	11-0212	\$201
Resisting/Hindering Police Officer Impounding a dog or cat	11-0118	\$201
Sanitary Cond. Failure to Maintain	11-0215	MA
Too Many Dogs in a Dwelling	11-0123	\$51
Too Many Dogs in a Dwelling (>1 offense in 3 years)	11-0123	MA

***MA = Mandatory court appearance. Fines are subject to change.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAT AND DOG OWNERS LIVING WITHIN THE GRAND FORKS CITY LIMITS

Keep your pet safe and healthy by being aware of your legal responsibilities*.



A message from your local animal control officers:

Grand Forks Police Department

Phone:701-787-8000

Grand Forks Finance Department

Phone 701-746-2620

*This publication contains an overview of Grand Forks municipal animal control laws. For a complete review of animal control laws in Grand Forks, please refer to Chapter 11 of the Grand Forks City Code.