

17.505—Liability for Impounding Fee

Where the owner of an impounded dog can be ascertained such owner shall be liable for the impounding fee and other proper charges even in cases wherein the dog is disposed of pursuant to Section 17.503 of this Act. In addition to the impounding fee the animal control officer may issue a summons pursuant to Section 17.506 of this Act.

17.506—Enforcement

(a) The head of the Bureau of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits of the Department of Public Works is responsible for the enforcement and administration of the various provisions of this Act.

(b) Within the Bureau of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits, an animal control officer shall be designated as the enforcement authority for the provisions of the animal control and dog licensing provisions of the County, acting under the general supervision of the Chief of the Bureau of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That this Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its enactment

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on May 14, 1969.

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Council Bill No. 8

An Act to enact new Sections 8.200 through 8.207, inclusive, of the Howard County Code, Title "Crimes and Misdemeanors", subtitle "Animals", to provide for the proper care, treatment, and control of animals, to provide for the confinement of vicious or dangerous dogs, to provide for penalties for the violations thereof and for the interference with authorized persons in performance of their duties, to provide for summons and trial, and to provide that convictions under this subtitle shall not be recorded as such.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Sections 8.200, 8.201, 8.202, 8.203, 8.204, 8.205, 8.206 and 8.207, be and they are hereby added to Title 8 of the Howard County Code, "Crimes and Misdemeanors", subtitle "Animals", to read as follows:

8.200—Humane Care Required; Poisoning Prohibited; Control of Animals.

(a) All owners of animals shall provide such animals with sufficient food and water, proper shelter, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment. No person shall poison any animal other than rodents, mistreat or abandon any animal in such manner as to cause suffering by such animal.

(b) All owners of animals shall exercise care and control of such animals, so as to prevent same from becoming public nuisances. Excessive noise, molesting pedestrians, chasing vehicles, depositing excretory matter