

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHIMLA

NOTIFICATION

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NO. MCS/COMM./2007.—In view of the approval accorded by the State Govt. under section 397 of Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 as conveyed vide letter No.UD-A(3)-2/2007, dated 31.8.2007 for framing of “The Shimla Municipal Corporation(Control of Pet Dogs) Bye Laws,2007, I, Devesh Kumar, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla in exercise of Powers conferred under Chapter XXII of Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act,1994 hereby notify the following Bye-Laws:-

1. Short title and commencement.—(i) These Bye-Laws may be called the Shimla Municipal Corporation (Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2007.

(ii) They shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

2. Definitions.—In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) “Act” means the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act,1994(Act No. 12 of 1994).

(b) “Section” means a section of the Act.

(c) “Owner” means the owner of an animal and includes any other person in possession or custody of such animal whether with or without the consent of the owner.

(d) “Veterinary Public Health Officer” means Veterinary Officer of the Corporation.

(e) “Dog” means Pet dogs, other than stray dogs.

(f) All expressions used herein, but not defined shall have the meaning as assigned under the Act.

3. Procedure for Registration of Dogs.—(i) The owner of dog who keeps or brings any dog within the limits of Shimla Municipal Corporation, shall on or before the 1st Day of April in every year or within seven days of its arrival, register such dog at the office of the Municipal Corporation on payment of Rs. 50/- as one time registration fee. Further, an amount of Rs. 50/- shall be charged as license fee annually. Provided that the above levy shall not apply to such dogs which are brought within the limits of Municipal Corporation, Shimla for show purpose and are certified as such by the Secretary of the Shimla Dog Show and such dogs are not kept within the limit of Municipal Corporation, Shimla for more than a week.

(ii) The form for registration shall be provided on an application at the office of the Municipal Corporation.

(iii) That on receipt of form of registration duly filled in at the office of the Municipal Corporation, the owner shall be supplied by the Corporation a metal ticket on a collar to be put around the neck of the dog. The cost of the metal ticket as may be determined by the Commissioner shall be born by the person applying for registration.

- (iv) The owner shall ensure the vaccination of dog prior to its registration.
 - (v) The period for which the registration shall hold good shall be for the 12 months from the 1st April to next 31st March in each year.
- 4. Duties and responsibilities of the owners.—**(i) The owner of the pet dog shall be responsible for the controlled breeding, immunization, neutering and licensing in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-Laws.
- (ii) Any dog not wearing metal ticket or registration in accordance with clause 3(3) of these Bye-laws may, if found in any public place be removed and will be liable to be dealt under the orders of the Veterinary Public Health Officer, Municipal Corporation, Shimla, if not claimed within 7 days by the owner.
 - (iii) For the purpose of these bye-laws any person in possession or in charge of the dog, during the absence of the real owner from the limits of M.C. Shimla, shall be deemed to be the owner of the dog.
 - (iv) That it shall be mandatory for each owner to carry disposable bags during the time when the dog is put on Municipal street.
 - (v) No owner or person in charge of the Dog shall allow his Dog to defecate on any road/street/drain within Municipal Limits. In case any dog is found defecating on the road/street/ drain, it shall be the duty of the owner concerned to clean the excreta and pack it in a disposable bag to be disposed of in the same manner in which human excreta is disposed of.
- 5. Guideline for breeders.—**
- (i) A breeder must be registered with Municipal Corporation, Shimla. Breeder must maintain full record of the number of pups born/died from individual bitches. He shall also maintain proper record of pedigree and vaccination.
 - (ii) Breeder must maintain record of the person buying the pups. He should ensure that the buyer has the required knowledge for the upkeep of the pups.
 - (iii) Breeder must pay Rs. 50/- per dog as one time registration charges in the treasury of the Municipal Corporation besides Rs. 50/- per dog as renewal fees every year. This fee to be paid by the breeding shall be over and above the registration fee / annual license fee provided in 3(i) above.
- 6. Penalty.—**
- (i) Any contravention of these Bye-Laws including the failure to register the dog as per clause 3 above, shall be punishable with a fine which may extend Rs.500/- and in case of continuous breach additional fine which may extend to Rs. 50/- per day till such contravention or breach continues.
- 7. Repeal and saving.—**
- (i) The bye-laws published vide H.P.Govt. notification No.LSG-B(3)15/82 dated 19.9.1984 are hereby repealed. Not-Withstanding such repeal any thing done or any

action taken in exercise of the powers conferred by or under the bye-laws so repealed shall be deemed to have been done or taken in exercise of the powers conferred by or under these bye-laws were enforce on the day on which such thing was done or was taken.

Sd/-
Commissioner.