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## **NOTICE TO ALL CITY OF HIGHLAND DOG OWNERS FOR 2015:**

Ordinance No. 393 regulates dog ownership and possession within the City of Highland. Applicable provisions include the following:

**Registration** – The owner, keeper, harbinger of any dog over two months of age must register the dog within 30 days of acquisition and must pay an annual registration fee on or before **January 31** of each calendar year. After February 28<sup>th</sup>, the penalty for late registration will increase \$2.00 for each dog and law enforcement officials may issue a citation for non-registration. The following registration fees apply:

1. For each non-spayed female, **\$6.00**.
2. For each spayed female and each male, **\$3.00**.

Registration must be applied for, and licenses picked up, at city hall. Before any dog will be registered, the owner must produce a certificate showing the dog has received the required rabies vaccination by a registered veterinarian. If a dog has been previously registered, and proof of the rabies shot was provided and has not expired, you do not need to provide the shot record.

**Leash Law** – All dogs must be confined to their owner's property or otherwise leashed. Citations in municipal court will be issued for dogs running at large, including an appropriate fine and court costs. If captured, dogs will be impounded and shall be held for seventy two (72) hours prior to disposal by such policies and procedures as are provided by law. All expenses incurred by the city must be paid, **plus** a pick-up fee of **\$25.00**, before the dog will be released to the owner.

**Pit Bulls Prohibited** – Ordinance #335 provides that certain breeds of dogs, such as pit bulls and other vicious dogs and/or breed's, are illegal to own or harbor within the city. Violations carry significant penalties.

If you do not own or harbor a dog(s), please disregard this notice.

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