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113.01. Pigeons Limited. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor pigeons on any premises unless issued a permit to do so as provided in this chapter. No permit shall be issued for the keeping or harboring of more than 50 pigeons on any premises. The term "premises" for the purposes of this section shall mean any platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcel, or tract of land.

113.02. Permit. No person shall maintain a pigeon coop or loft unless they have been granted a permit therefore by the city clerk. All applications for a permit shall specify the location of the coop or loft, and its approximate size. Any pigeon coop or loft authorized by permit under this section may be inspected at any reasonable time by any agent of the city. A pigeon coop or loft permit may be revoked or suspended by the council for violation of the provisions of this chapter following written notice and an opportunity for a hearing. A fee of \$6.00 shall be charged for each permit which shall expire on December 31 of the permit year. If an application for renewal is not filed prior to the date of expiration, the permit fee for the succeeding year shall be \$12.00.

113.03. Confinement. Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains, or harbors pigeons shall keep them confined at all times while in the city in a cage, coop, or loft, except that homing or carrier pigeons, Rollers, or Tumblers, each having the owner's name or initials or other identification on a leg band, may be permitted to fly for necessary exercise and training while under the restrained control of the owner. Pigeons shall not be permitted to deface or light on buildings or property of others.

113.04. Pigeon Coops or Lofts. All pigeons shall be confined in a coop or loft located not less than 25 feet from any residential building on other premises. All pigeons shall be housed in structures meeting the requirements of the building and zoning codes.

113.05. Conditions. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, or harboring pigeons to permit the premises where the pigeons are kept to be or remain in an unhealthy, unsanitary, or obnoxious condition, or to permit the premises to be in such condition that obnoxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property.

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