

The City of Manistee recognizes the desire for people to have animals/pets. This guide explains the owner's responsibilities for having animals in the City of Manistee, as regulated in [Chapter 606 Animals](#) of the Code of Ordinances.

Cats

Cats which are not spayed or neutered are not permitted to run a large in public places or on private property.

Chickens or Ducks

A maximum of 8 female chickens (hens) or ducks may be kept in fully enclosed shelters in the rear yard on parcels with single family homes. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the shelters in a clean and sanitary condition, free from rodents, vermin and disagreeable odors.

Dogs

Dogs are to wear a collar or harness with their [dog license](#) attached. Dog Licenses are available at the [County Treasurer's Office](#). Dogs are not permitted to run at large. When walking your dog they are to be on a leash and under control.

The City has a Dog Park at Douglas Park where dogs are permitted to run under the supervision of their owners. Dogs are not permitted on the Riverwalk or where signs are posted at Public Beaches.

Removal of Defecation

It is the owner's responsibility to pick up after any dog or cat on any property other than the premises of the owner.



Feeding of Deer, Wild Turkeys and other wild Mammals

The City has a ban on the placement of fruit, berries, grain, vegetables, nuts, salt or other edible material, or bait, which may reasonably be expected to attract or feed deer, wild turkeys or other wild mammals.



This ban does not apply to naturally growing materials from fruit trees, trees, shrubs, crops, flowers, gardens producing fruit or vegetables for household consumption, bird feeders at least four (4) feet off the ground and vegetation. The ban also does not apply to the feeding of domestic pets, nor chickens or ducks.

Enforcement

The city enforces animal control ordinances in the city limits. If you have a complaint about an animal related issue such as a dog at large, dog bite, nuisance cat or other animal related issue, please contact the [Police Department](#) by calling (231) 723-2533. Officer Jason Hallead will investigate and take whatever action is warranted.