

Pet Safety Reminders from the Melissa Police Department

Did you know? The City of Melissa has an ordinance that requires you to keep your dog on a leash or held in your hands when not on your property.

(ARTICLE 2.200 – ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE OR DISTURBING THE PEACE)

It shall be unlawful for any person to do the following in the corporate limits of the City of Melissa:

1. Permit any dog or other animal possessed, kept, or harbored, including a cat described in subsection (c) below, to run at large as defined in Article 2.100 (see below) hereof;
2. Harbor any animal which by loud, frequent, or habitual barking, howling, yelping, or other noise or action, disturbs any person of ordinary sensibility; or
3. Exhibit persistent laxness in the supervision of cats so that their running at large results in disturbance to persons of ordinary sensibilities.

(Ord. 89-09 adopted 6-13-89, Sec.2; Ord. No. 10-15, adopted 7-27-10, Sec. 2)

Running at Large – Not completely confined by a building, wall, or fence of sufficient strength or construction or restrain the animal, or not on a leash under direct supervision of the owner or keeper or held in the hands of the owner or keeper, or not within the limits of the owner's private property.

- This is for your pet's safety, as well as your neighbors.
- With our growth, even the most well-trained pet can be spooked by loud noises caused by construction or passing vehicles. Keeping your pet leashed will help ensure that our 4-legged friends stay safe and secure when not at home.
- Not everyone likes dogs. Even though your pet maybe just trying to say "Hi" some of our fellow neighbors may not be comfortable or welcoming with an unwanted or unexpected greeting.
- Just like people, not all pets get along. Keeping your pets safely secured when you're out meeting new furry friends can help prevent or deter any aggressive confrontations.



Should you have any questions or concerns regarding a potential violation please contact the non-emergency number at (972) 838-2033 or you can also leave an anonymous tip at (972) 838-2075.