

GREENVILLE CITY CODE  
Sec. 12-2-39 Through Sec. 12-2-43 of the Greenville City Code

**Sec. 12-2-39. Public nuisances.**

(a) The following acts of a dog, cat or other animal or group of animals are declared public nuisances:

- (1) Frequent, habitual howling, yelping, barking, fighting or the making of other noises which disturb the neighborhood;
- (2) Chasing, snapping at or attacking a pedestrian, bicycle rider or vehicles;
- (3) Turning over garbage containers, damaging gardens, flowers or vegetables;
- (4) Running at large while in heat;
- (5) By virtue of number or type is offensive or dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare;
- (6) Any act, noise or condition created which is offensive to people or destructive of real or personal property.

(b) Animal control officers are authorized to issue civil citations to the owner of any animal which is a public nuisance under this section, or impound the animal, or both. (Ord. No. 2199, § 1, 6-14-90)

**Cross reference(s)**--Stray animals declared public nuisance, § 12-2-2.

**Sec. 12-2-40. Restraint of dogs.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any dog to fail to keep such dog exclusively upon his own premises; provided that such dog may be off such premises if it is under control of a competent person and restrained by a chain or leash or other means of actual physical control.

(b) It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to defecate or urinate on the lawn or property of any but the owner, or upon any public or private property without the permission of the owner of that property. (Ord. No. 2199, § 1, 6-14-90; Ord. No. 2229, §§ 1, 2, 8-9-90)

**Sec. 12-2-41. Keeping dogs that chase or bark; permitting female dogs in heat to run at large.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any dog owner to keep or have within the city a dog that habitually or repeatedly chases, snaps at, attacks or barks at pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles, turns over garbage pails, damages gardens, flowers or vegetables or conducts itself so as to be a public nuisance or to permit a female dog to run at large while in heat. (Ord. No. 2199, § 1, 6-14-90)

**Sec. 12-2-42. Violations of chapter--Notice.**

(a) In administering their duties under this chapter, the animal control officers are empowered to issue citations to any person, if there is probable cause to believe that he has violated any of the provisions of this chapter. Citations issued may be delivered in person to the violator by the animal control officers, or they may be mailed to the person, if he cannot be readily found. Any notice or citation delivered or mailed shall direct the violator to appear at the office of the revenue collector of the city within five (5) days.

(b) The animal control officers shall cause all citations to be consecutively numbered in triplicate and records shall be kept in such a way that all citations may be accounted for. (Ord. No. 2199, § 1, 6-14-90)

**Sec. 12-2-43. Same--Penalties.**

(a) Any violation of this chapter shall subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount stated in the Manual of Fees for the City of Greenville. Violators shall be issued a written citation which must be paid to the revenue division of the finance department within five (5) days.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, provisions of this chapter may be enforced through equitable remedies issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) In addition to, or lieu of, remedies authorized in subsection (a) and (b) above, violations of section 12-2-14 may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 160A-175. (Ord. No. 2199, § 1, 6-14-90; Ord. No. 2650, § 1, 6-10-93)