



City of Visalia Animal Services

In receipt of a City of Visalia Administrative citation from Animal Services?

If an Animal Control Officer or an Animal Services employee issues an Administrative citation for License Required or Failure to License, the citation can be either a warning or a monetary citation.

Please note, a warning citation is not mandatory per City of Visalia ordinance 6.12.030.

If you are in receipt of a citation with a monetary fine, citizens have the following choices:

A) Pay the citation fine

- Citations must be paid in-person at City Hall East, 707 W. Acequia Ave.
- If needing to pay an additional license fee, this can be done in-person at the Visalia Animal Care Center at 29016 Highway 99, Wednesday through Friday from 12 – 6 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 12 – 5 p.m.
- License fees can also be accepted over the phone or by U.S. Mail. Call (559) 713-4688 or (559) 714-4686 for this option.

B) Appeal the citation

- If a citizen decides they want to appeal their citation, they would:
 1. Visit Neighborhood Preservation Division offices in-person at 315 E. Acequia Avenue, inside City Hall East between the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 2. Pay the \$100 appeal fee (this fee is non-refundable if the appeal is not upheld, the fee is returned if the hearing is successful) and fill out the appeal request form.
 3. Citizens receive notification of the date and time of the hearing by mail at least two weeks prior to the date. Citizens can ask for the hearing to be rescheduled for the following month if they are unable to attend during the assigned time. Citizens may bring legal counsel with them to the hearing.

Other citations that may be issued by Animal Services include:

- Restraint of animals VMC 6.08.020
- Failure to restrain VMC 6.08.020
- Public nuisance VMC 6.08.030
- Vaccination requirement for licenser VMC 6.12.070
- Vicious/dangerous animals VMC 6.16.010
- Animal Care VMC 6.08.010
- Chickens and Roosters City Code Section 17.04.030 and VMC 6.08.050
- Excessive noise – barking VMC 6.12.020

For more information, contact Visalia Animal Services at (559) 713-4700 or visit them [online](#).