

4. A classified dog whose owner does not possess a valid and in effect Certificate of Registration of Registration shall be impounded.
5. A classified dog shall be immediately impounded by any Dog Control Officer in the case of any violation of this Ordinance. Refusal to surrender a dog subject to confiscation shall be a violation of this Ordinance.
6. The owner of any previously classified dog has been impounded pursuant to this Ordinance may recover such dog upon payment of applicable fines and proof of compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

c. *Notice of Classification to Owner and Owner Response*

1. Notice of Classification and Service

- A. A Dog Control Officer shall classify a dangerous dog or vicious dog by issuing a Notice of Classification.
- B. The Notice of Classification shall state that the Dog Control Officer has classified the dog as a dangerous dog or vicious dog and include a summary of the basis of the Dog Control Officer's classification.
- C. The Dog Control Officer shall date the Notice of Classification on the date he issues the Notice of Classification.
- D. The Dog Control Officer shall personally serve the Notice of Classification on the owner of the dog.
- E. The Dog Control Officer shall document the date of service on the Notice of Classification.

2. Probate Court Hearing Request

- A. The Notice of Classification shall state that the owner of the dog has a right to request a hearing before the Probate Court on the Dog Control Officer's classification within seven (7) days of the date of service upon the owner.
- B. The Notice of Classification shall provide a form for requesting a hearing before the Probate Court. Such form shall include a place for the owner to state the owner's email address and shall state that if the owner submits the owner's email address to the Probate Court the owner consents to receive all subsequent notices and communications from the Probate Court and the Dog Control Officer via email.
- C. The Notice of Classification shall state that if a hearing before the Probate Court is not requested within seven (7) days of service upon the owner, the Dog Control Officer's classification of the dog stated on the Notice of Classification shall become effective for all purposes under this Ordinance.