

Chapter 10

ANIMALS

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ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL

Sec. 10-1. Care of animals generally.

All dogs, cats and other domestic animals kept within the village shall be cared for, maintained and handled in a manner that shall be sanitary and to prevent noises, barking, fighting and howling at night so as not to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

(Ord. No. 2-99, § II(e), 2-11-1999)

Sec. 10-2. Cruelty.

No person may cause, allow or themselves cruelly beat, frighten, overburden, neglect or abuse any animal or bird, or use any device or chemical substance by which pain, suffering or death may result, whether the animals belong to the person or another, except that reasonable force may be used to drive off vicious or trespassing animals.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(a)(1), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-3. Food and water.

No person owning or having custody of any animal or bird may neglect or fail to provide it with necessary nourishing food at least once daily and provide a constant supply of clean water to sustain the animal or bird in good health.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(a)(2), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-4. Shelter.

(a) No person may fail to provide any animal or bird in his or her care with shelter from inclement weather to ensure the protection and comfort of the animal or bird.

(b) When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or discomfort to any animal or bird, shade shall be provided by natural or artificial means to allow protection from the direct rays of the sun, but still allow air to pass to keep the animal cool.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(b)(1), (2), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-5. Area to be kept clean.

Any area where an animal is housed or allowed to remain shall be kept clean of feces, animal waste, and other substances in order to keep the animal healthy and comfortable.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(c), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-6. Leashes.

Chains, ropes or leashes shall be placed or attached so that they not be entangled with another animal or object and shall be of sufficient length in proportion to the size of the animal to allow the animal proper exercise and convenient access to food, water and shelter. A leash shall be located so as not to allow the animal to trespass on public or private property nor in such a manner as to cause harm or danger to persons or other animals. A leash shall be located so as not to allow the animal to jump over an obstacle where the leash can become entangled and the animal choke.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(d), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-7. Enforcement.

The police department or humane officer may enforce any provision of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(e), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-8. Animal removal.

The police department or humane officer may confiscate and remove animals from a premises for violation of any part of this chapter. Animals removed because of such action may be stored or disposed of in a humane manner by the animal shelter or its designee. Probable cause that such a violation exists is sufficient reason to confiscate such animal. Conviction is not required.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(f), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-9. Exception.

This chapter does not apply to extermination of rats, mice or other vermin.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(g), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-10. Keeping of Noisy Animals Prohibited.

No person shall keep, harbor or allow any animals or fowl over which he has either actual or constructive control to cause annoyance or disturbance in a neighborhood from any frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, crowing or making of other noises where a considerable number of persons within the Village are affected by said noises. The keeping of and permitting such animal to violate the regulations of this Section shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be subject to an action for abatement of said nuisance by the Village. Said action for abatement shall be in addition to the penalties contained in Section (1).

- (1) *Penalties.* Any person who violates the provisions of Section 10-10, herein shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00 if that person should be found guilty of a violation of this Section. Upon a second or subsequent conviction for violation of this Section, said person shall be subject to a minimum penalty of \$50.00 and a maximum penalty of \$200.00. Each day that the violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate and individual offense under this Ordinance.

(Ord. No. 209, 8-17-1987)

Secs. 10-11--10-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II.

DOGS

Sec. 10-31. Penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$75.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three days, nor more than 30 days.

(Ord. No. 2-99, § IV, 2-11-1999)

Sec. 10-32. Vicious dogs.

It shall be unlawful to keep a vicious dog within the village. A showing that a dog has bitten, attacked or injured any person shall constitute a prima facie showing that such dog is vicious.

(Ord. No. 2-99, § II(d), 2-11-1999)

Sec. 10-33. Public policy.

It is necessary in the interests of public health, safety and welfare that the keeping of dogs and other animals within the village be regulated in order to prevent them from becoming public nuisances.

(Ord. No. 2-99, § II, 2-11-1999)

Sec. 10-34. Dogs running at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit the same to run at large at any place within the village. This section does not prohibit the owner or keeper of a dog from allowing the dog to run at large upon premises owned or occupied by the owner or keeper of such dog, provided the dog is under strict control at all times. The term "control" is defined as the ability to regulate such dog from leaving the boundaries of the owner's property or any property occupied by the owner of such dog. The owner should also have the power to dominate such dog by verbal commands. Any dog off of the owner's property will be controlled by a leash.

(Ord. No. 01-3, 7-12-2001)

Sec. 10-35. Dog licenses.

Every owner or keeper of a dog more than five months of age shall annually, at the time and in the

manner provided by law, pay a dog license tax and obtain a license therefor as required by statute. The license fee for each dog shall be as set by the board from time to time for an unneutered male dog and an unspayed female and as set by the board from time to time for a neutered male and a spayed female dog. The village board may, however, change these fees from time to time by separate resolution.
(Ord. No. 2-99, § II(b), 2-11-1999)

Sec. 10-36. Keeping dogs.

No owner, keeper or household shall be permitted to keep more than two dogs over the age of five months within the limits of the village except in a dog pound.

- (1) *Confinement of dogs.* It shall be the duty of the police department or any other officer appointed by the village board to apprehend any dog running at large within the village (except when the dog is on the premises of its owner or keeper, or is accompanied by or under the control of its owner or keeper) and confine the dog in a suitable dog pound or hospital.
- (2) *Enforcement.* The village board shall from time to time appoint a qualified officer to apprehend and confine dogs in a pound or hospital as provided in this article, and such officer shall have the power and authority to apprehend and confine dogs as provided in this article and shall have the power and authority to enforce this article, including the right to commence actions for the collection of any forfeiture imposed by this article. Such action shall be brought in the name of the village. Such officer shall be paid such compensation as the village board shall determine by resolution.
- (3) *Disposition of unclaimed dogs.* The keeper of the pound or hospital shall keep all dogs apprehended as provided in this article for a period of seven days at the dog pound or hospital (unless sooner claimed by the owner or keeper), and if any dog is not reclaimed by the rightful owner within such time, the dog may be sold for the amount incurred in the apprehending, keeping and care of the dog or it may be destroyed in a proper and humane manner.
- (4) *Owner or keeper to pay costs.* The owner or keeper of any dog so confined may reclaim such dog at any time before the dog is disposed of as provided in this article, upon payment of all costs and charges incurred in the apprehension, keeping and care of the dog. Such fees shall be as set by the board from time to time for the apprehension and care of the dog if such dog is reclaimed within 24 hours of apprehension. If such dog is reclaimed at any time after 24 hours of apprehension, and up to and including the seventh day, such fee shall be as set by the board from time to time, plus any expenses for inoculations, medical treatment or disposal of the dog. In addition to the fees provided in this subsection, the owner or keeper of each dog shall also pay any expenses incurred by the dog pound.

(Ord. No. 2-99, § II(c), 2-11-1999)

Sec. 10-37. Exemption for new residents.

In the event a person or persons move into the village owning more than two adult dogs, but less than six adult dogs, the owners of those dogs shall immediately register those dogs with the clerk-treasurer and pay the appropriate dog license fees. Such owners shall then be permitted to maintain the dogs that were in their

ownership when they moved into the village until the number of dogs is reduced to the legal number two, either by death, transfer or sale. At that time, such owners shall comply with the two-dog maximum requirement. In any event, this exemption for dogs in excess of two for new residents shall terminate at the end of ten years from the date such residents took occupancy in the village.
(Ord. No. 2-99, § III, 3-12-1992)

Secs. 10-38--10-60. Reserved.

ARTICLE III.

CATS

Sec. 10-61. Vicious cats.

It shall be unlawful to keep a vicious cat within the village. A showing that a cat has bitten, attacked or injured any person shall constitute a prima facie showing that such cat is vicious.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(5), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-62. License required.

(a) Every landowner, owner, tenant, keeper or harbinger of a cat more than five months of age shall annually on or before April 1 pay a cat license fee and obtain a license for each cat owned or possessed.

(b) The cat license fee shall be as established from time to time by resolution of the village board.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(1), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-63. Clerk-treasurer to issue license.

(a) Upon payment of the required fee, and upon being furnished with evidence that each cat has been currently immunized against rabies, the clerk-treasurer may issue the requested cat license.

(b) The applicant may submit written proof that such cat has been spayed or neutered prior to issuance of the license. The clerk-treasurer may keep a file of such written proof of spaying or neutering for each respective cat and not require new proof each year.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(2), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-64. Cats running at large.

It shall be unlawful for the landowner, tenant, owner, keeper or harbinger in control, custody or possession of any cat to permit the cat to run at large at any place within the village unless such cat is accompanied by and under the immediate control of the owner or keeper of such cat. This section does not prohibit the owner or keeper of a cat from allowing the cat to run at large upon premises owned or occupied by the owner or keeper of that cat. No cat shall be deemed or considered to be under the immediate control of any person if such cat is on private or public property other than the property of the owner, keeper or harbinger of the cat unless that cat is in fact on a leash held by the owner or keeper.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(3), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-65. Impoundment of cats.

(a) *Confinement of cats.* The police department or any other officer appointed by the board shall apprehend any cat running at large within the village (except when the cat is on the premises of its owner or keeper or is accompanied by and under the control of its owner or keeper) and confine the cat in a suitable animal shelter as designated from time to time by the village board.

(b) *Enforcement.* The village board shall from time to time appoint a qualified officer to apprehend and confine cats in a shelter as provided in this section and such officer shall have the power and authority to apprehend and confine cats as provided in this article and shall have the power and authority to enforce this article, including the right to commence actions for the collection of any forfeiture imposed by this article. Such action shall be brought in the name of the village. Such officer shall be paid such compensation as the board shall determine by resolution from time to time.

(c) *Disposition of unclaimed cats.* The keeper of the shelter shall keep all cats apprehended as provided in this article for a period of seven days at the animal shelter (unless sooner claimed by the owner or keeper), and if any cat is not claimed by the rightful owner within such time, the cat may be sold for the amount incurred in the apprehending, keeping and care of the cat or it may be destroyed in a proper and humane manner.

(d) *Owner or keeper to pay costs.* The owner, keeper or harbinger of any cat so confined may reclaim such a cat at any time before the cat is disposed of as provided in this article, and upon payment of all costs and charges incurred in the apprehension, keeping and care of the cat. Such fees shall be established from time to time by resolution of the village board. As a further condition of release, such officer shall require that before release the owner shall, if such cat is not licensed, obtain a license therefor from the proper village officer. (Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(4), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-66. Number of cats limited.

(a) It shall be unlawful to keep more than two cats over the age of five months upon any premises within any district within the village except in a shelter duly authorized by the village. Operating farms located in the agriculture zoning district will be permitted to have a maximum of six cats over the age of five months.

(b) The premises means all contiguous lands owned or occupied by the same owners or tenants. (Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(6), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-67. Shelter for cats kept outdoors.

Cats kept outdoors shall be provided with moistureproof and windproof shelter of a size which allows the animal to turn around freely and to easily sit, stand and lie in a normal position and to keep the animal clean, dry and comfortable. Whenever the outdoor temperature is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, clean, dry bedding material shall be provided in such shelters for insulation and to retain the body heat of the animal. Automobiles shall not be used as animal shelters.

(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(7)(b)(3), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-68. Cat excrement disposition.

The owner, keeper or person having physical possession of a cat shall remove and properly dispose of any cat excrement deposited by such animal immediately after the animal has relieved itself whether that animal be on private or public property.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(8), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-69. Complaint by citizen.

Should a violation of this article be reported by a citizen, the village shall not be required to pursue prosecution unless and until the complaining citizen shall present his complaint in writing and notarized on forms supplied by the village. If such complaint is filed with the court for prosecution, such citizen will cooperate fully with the village attorney in such prosecution including, if necessary, testifying in a court trial in support of such complaint. Any failure by a complaining citizen to cooperate with the village shall result in immediate dismissal of the complaint.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 1(9), 3-12-1992)

Sec. 10-70. Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this article or who shall fail to obtain a license as required in this article shall be required to forfeit not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$200.00, together with all costs of prosecution also including any costs incurred by the village in caring for such cat, and, in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail until such forfeiture is paid, but such imprisonment shall not exceed 60 days.
(Ord. No. 6-92, § 2, 3-12-1992)