

**Chapter 6.08  
Dogs**

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**6.08.010 Definitions.**

In this section, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:  
"At large" means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or otherwise, but a dog within an automobile of its owner or in an automobile of any other person with the consent of the dog's owner shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.

"Owner" means any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog and the occupant of any premises on which a dog remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten days is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this section. (Prior code § 11.05(2))

**6.08.020 License required.**

It is unlawful for any person in the Village of Oakfield to own, harbor or keep any dog more than five months of age without complying with the provisions of WSA Chapter 174, relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of dogs. (Prior code SS 11.06(1))

**6.08.030 Treasurer to list dogs within the municipality.**

Pursuant to Section 174.06(02) of the Wisconsin Statutes the treasurer is appointed to list the dogs owned or kept within the municipality instead of the municipal clerk. (Ord. dated 8/11/82 SS 1: prior code SS 11.07)

**6.08.040 Restrictions.**

It is unlawful for any person within the village of Oakfield to own, harbor or keep any dog which:

- A. Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the village;
- B. Assaults or attacks any person;
- C. Is at large within the limits of the village;
- D. Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons;
- E. Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal;
- F. Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by any animal known to have been infected with rabies. (Prior code SS 11.06(3))

**6.08.050 Owner duties in cases of dog bites.**

Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog who knows that such dog has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact to law enforcement personnel as prescribed in Wis Stat 95.21. The owner or keeper of the dog shall keep such dog confined for a minimum of ten (10) days or for such period of time as a veterinarian shall direct. The owner or keeper of any such dog may be ordered to surrender the dog to a veterinarian facility or any village police officer upon demand for examination. The owner or keeper of the dog must show proof of rabies vaccination. The dog must be seen by a veterinarian immediately after the bite, the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day after the bite, and once in between to comply with the Wisconsin rabies law. (Ord 2010-4)

**6.08.060 Impounding or killing of dogs.**

In addition to any penalty hereinafter provided for a violation of this section, any person may impound any dog and any police officer of the village may impound any dog which habitually pursues any vehicle upon

any street, alley or highway of this village, assaults or attacks any person, is at large within the village, habitually barks or howls, kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal or is infected with rabies. If a dog presents a danger to persons or other animals and cannot safely be impounded, a police officer may kill it. Possession of dogs impounded under this section may be obtained by paying twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the village treasurer for each dog per day or fraction thereof the dog has been so impounded. Dogs impounded for a period of seven days shall be destroyed by or under the direction of the police department, in accordance with WSA Chapter 174. (Ord. dated 1/11/2006)