

CHAPTER 13

DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

13.01 DEFINITIONS. Terms used in this chapter have the following meanings:

Dog: Any canine of 6 months of age or older.

At large: Off the premises of the owner without a leash.

13.02 DOGS AT LARGE. Any dog found running or being at large in any of the streets, public ways or upon the private premises of any person other than the owner or keeper of such dog is a public nuisance. No person shall cause or permit any dog owned or kept by him to be so at large within the village.

13.03 IMPOUNDING DOGS. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to take up and impound in such place as is designated for that purpose by the village any dog found at large.

13.04 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS. Any dog, which is impounded, shall be confined in the McHenry County animal shelter and shall be held according to the rules of the shelter.

13.05 FIERCE DOGS. No confined dog shall be declared dangerous, fierce or vicious except upon determination by a licensed veterinarian. If a confined dog is so declared to be dangerous, fierce or vicious, the owner or keeper of such dog shall immediately provide extraordinary precautions such as muzzles, chains, cages and warning signs, as may be required by the Chief of Police.

Any dog at large, which by its actions is deemed by the Chief of Police to be dangerous, fierce or vicious, and cannot safely be taken up and impounded, may be slain by the Police Department. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to forthwith deliver the head of such slain dog to the State Department of Public Health.

13.06 INJURY BY DOGS. Any dog, which bites a person or so injures any person as to cause an abrasion of the skin is hereby declared to be a nuisance; provided however, that the injured person must substantiate the injury with a professional medical report. The owner or keeper of any dog, when notified that such dog has so injured any person, shall not sell or give away such dog or permit such dog to be taken beyond the limits of the village without authorization from the Chief of Police. It shall be the duty of such owner or keeper, upon receiving notice of the character aforesaid, to place such dog in a licensed animal hospital within 24 hours of such notification. Such dog shall be so confined for a period of 10 days. The owner or keeper shall notify the Police Department of the name and location of such animal hospital. If any dog, which has injured a person, is not voluntarily impounded by the owner or keeper, such dog shall be taken up and impounded by the Police Department for a period of 10 days.

13.07 RABIES. Any dog suffering from rabies is hereby declared to be a nuisance. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper to immediately impound or destroy such dog upon order of the Chief of Police. Any dog suffering from rabies, which cannot safely be taken up and impounded, shall be slain by the Police Department.

13.08 DOGS ON LEASH. All dogs, while on any street, public way or private premises other than the premises of the owner, agent or keeper, shall be led by a chain or leash not exceeding 6 feet in length in such a manner as to prevent such dog from biting or otherwise injuring any person or animal. Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to require the leashing of any dog while on the private premises of the owner, agent of the owner or keeper except as provided in Section 13.05.

13.09 DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES. (Ord. 1995-11)

- (a) No dog shall be permitted, even though on a leash or carried, to enter any of the following places or areas:
 - 1. Any restaurant, food establishment, office, store, market or confectionery shop during the time such establishment is open for public business;
 - 2. School ground or church ground;
 - 3. This section shall not apply to dogs assisting physically challenged persons or utilized by police agencies.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or otherwise having possession or control of a dog to walk said dog in or upon any public way or other public place in the Village without having on his person sufficient equipment to remove from the public way or other public place any dog litter which may be deposited by said dog.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or otherwise having possession or control of a dog to allow said dog to deposit any litter upon any public way or other public place in the Village or upon any private property not-owned by that person unless that person has the permission of the owner of the property or immediately removes said dog litter from the property.
- (d) Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this section, upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

13.10 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or raise any cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, chickens, ducks, geese, or other livestock or poultry within the corporate limits of the village.

13.11 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. No person shall cruelly treat any animal in the village in any way, and no person shall inhumanly beat, underfeed, overload or abandon any animal.

13.12 DANGEROUS ANIMALS. No person shall permit any dangerous animal or any vicious animal to run at large within the village. Exhibitions or parades of animals, which are ferae naturae in the eyes of the law, may be conducted only pursuant to a permit of the Board of Trustees.

13.13 NOISY ANIMALS. No person shall harbor or keep any animal, which disturbs the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night.