

TOWN OF WOODBORO -

DOG ORDINANCE

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The Town Board of the Town of Woodboro, Oneida County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 - Dogs to be licensed. Every owner of a dog more than (5) months of age on Jan. 1st, or five (5) months of age within the license year shall annually, or within 30 days from the day such dog becomes 5 months of age, at the time and in the manner provided by law for the payment of personal property taxes, pay his dog license tax and obtain a license therefor.

SECTION 2 - Definition. "Owner" means every person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog.

SECTION 3 - License Fees The annual license fee shall be \$2.00 for each male and spayed female, and \$5.00 for each unspayed female.

W The Town Treasurer shall assess and collect an additional \$1.00 from every owner who fails to obtain a license prior to April 1, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of licensable dog, or where such owner has failed to obtain a license within 30 days after a dog has reached licensable age.

SECTION 4 - State Law Adopted. The provisions of Chapter 174, Wisconsin Statutes, so far as applicable, are adopted by reference and made a part of this Code.

SECTION 5 - Certain Dogs Prohibited. No person shall own, harbor, or keep any dog which:

(A) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, road, alley, or highway in the town.

(B) Assaults or attacks any person.

(C) Runs at large within the limits of the town. A dog shall be deemed running at large when it is on a public street, road, or alley, or on any premises within the town other than the premises of the owner, unless such dog is under the complete control within the immediate presence of, or is securely attached to a leash not longer than twelve (12) feet held by the owner, or a competent and properly qualified servant or member of his family.

(D) In case of any unspayed female dog over nine (9) months of age during periods of oestrus is not confined inside of a building, or securely attached to a leash not longer than twelve (12) feet held by the owner or a competent and properly qualified servant or member of his family.

(E) Creates a problem or private nuisance.

SECTION 6 - Dogs infected with hydrophobia.

(A) The Town Constable or Health Officer may kill or impound any dog which he believes from the appearance or conduct of such dog, to be infected with the disease known as hydrophobia or rabies.

(B) Any person who shall suspect that any dog is infected with hydrophobia or rabies shall report his or her suspicion to the Town Constable or Health Officer describing the dog and give the name of the owner, if known, any such dog shall, upon demand of the Town Constable or Health Officer be delivered to such officer. If upon examination by the Health authorities the dog shall prove in fact to be infected with said disease, the dog may be killed by any such officer.

(C) No person shall knowingly harbor or keep any dog infected with hydrophobia or rabies, or any dog known to have been bitten by a dog known to have been infected with hydrophobia or rabies, or shall fail to report to the Town Constable or Health Authorities the existence of a dog which he knows to be infected with hydrophobia or rabies.

SECTION 7 - Dog which bites persons. Every owner or keeper of a dog, and any other person who knows that a dog has bitten any person shall immediately in writing report such fact to the Town Constable or Health authorities. And such owner or keeper shall immediately confine said dog for a period of at least fourteen (14) days thereafter, and shall not release such dog except with the written approval

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of the Health Officer. Any such dog shall be surrendered to the Town Constable or Health Officer upon demand.

SECTION 8 - Unlicensed dogs. No unlicensed dog shall run at large, and any person may seize or impound any such unlicensed dog found at large. The fact that a dog is without a proper license tag attached to its collar shall be presumptive evidence that it is unlicensed. The Town Constable may enter upon the premises of the owner or keeper of an unlicensed dog for the purpose of seizing it.

SECTION 9 - Payment of cost or impounding dogs. The possession of any dog impounded or seized may be obtained by purchasing the requisite dog license and for paying all costs which the Town has incurred while impounding said dog.

After any dog has been impounded for a period of seven (7) days it shall be destroyed under the direction of the Town Constable, Health Authorities, or other officer in charge.

SECTION 10. - Penalties. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction of such violation, be subject to a penalty described as follows:

(A) First Offense. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 together with the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture plus costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until such forfeiture and cost is paid, but not to exceed thirty (30) days.

(B) Second Offense. Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance, who shall have been previously convicted of a violation of the same provision of said ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each such offense, together with the cost of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until such forfeiture and costs of prosecution are paid, but not to exceed ninety (90) days.

SECTION 11 - Effective date. This ordinance shall be in effect and be in force from and after its passage, published and posted as provided by law. 8-11-81.

Passed at a regular Town Board meeting held at the Woodboro Town Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: in Section 3 - License Fees - These fees may be changed as they are regulated by the Oneida County.