

12.06      DOGS, HOUSEHOLD PETS, ANIMALS.

(1) STATE LAWS ADOPTED. Ch. 174, Wis. Stats., exclusive of any penalties, is adopted by reference and made a part of this chapter so far as applicable.

(2) LICENSE REQUIRED. Every owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year or 5 months of age within the license year, January 1 through December 31 of each year, shall annually or within 30 days from the date a dog becomes 5 months of age, at the time and in the manner provided by law for the payment of personal property taxes, pay to the Treasurer his dog license tax and obtain a license therefore,

(3) DOGS. HOUSEHOLD PETS, ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE. (Rep. & rec. #95-400)

(a) Prohibited. No owner, keeper or person having physical possession of any dog, other household pet or any other animal, shall permit the same to run at large at any place within the Town, unless accompanied and under the control of the owner, keeper or person having physical custody of the dog, other household pet or animal. A dog, other household pet or animal will be considered running at large under this section if it is upon the property of another without consent of the owner or occupant of that property. The restrictions set forth herein shall not be construed as to prevent any dog, household pet or animal running at large upon the premises of the owner, keeper or person having physical custody of the dog as long as the same remains on the premises.

(b) Penalty. Any person who shall allow a dog, other household pet or animal to run at large in violation of (a) above shall be subject to forfeitures in an amount as may be established by the Town Board from time to time by separate resolution.

(4) VICIOUS DOGS. (Rep. and rec. #93.353) No person shall keep a vicious dog within the Town. A showing that a dog has bitten, attacked or injured any person or animal shall constitute a prima facie showing that such dog is vicious.

(5) NOISY DOGS PROHIBITED. No person shall keep a dog which by barking, fighting or howling disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

(8) IMPOUNDMENT. (Rep. & rec. #95-400)

(a) The Town Law Enforcement Officer or any officer appointed by the Town Board shall apprehend any dog, other household pet or animal running at large within the Town, not on the premises of its owner or keeper, as required by this section, or any dog suspected of having rabies, and confine the same to such facility or in such manner as may be provided by the Town Board.

(b) Examination for Rabies. The keeper of the pound shall keep any dog suspected of rabies for such period as the Health Officer shall deem necessary to determine whether such dog has rabies, if the dog is found to have rabies, it shall be disposed of in a humane manner.

(C) Disposition of Unclaimed Dog. (Rep. & rec #95-400) All dogs, other household pets or animals apprehended and confined as provided by the Town Board shall be kept for a period of seven (7) days. If any dog, other household pet or animal is not claimed by the rightful owner within such time, it may be sold for the amount incurred in keeping the dog or it may be humanely destroyed.

(d) Owner to Pay Costs. The owner or keeper of any dog, other household pet or animal confined as provided by the Town Board may reclaim such dog, other household pet or animal at any time before the same is disposed of upon payment of all costs and charges incurred by the Town in impounding and keeping such dog, other household pet or animal.

(7) NUMBER OF DOGS LIMITED. (Rep. & rec, #92-325) No person shall keep more than the following number of dogs over the age of 5 months in the following units in the Town, except in a kennel authorized pursuant to Ch. 17 or this Code:

Condominium Unit	One/residential unit
Apartment Unit	One/residential unit
Townhouses/Duplexes	One/residential unit
Single Family Home	2/residential unit

Nonconforming Residential Units (where more than one residential unit legally exists on a single lot)  
One/residential unit

(8) EXEMPTION OF DOGS FOR THE BLIND. Every dog specially trained to lead blind persons shall be exempt from dog license tax and every taxpayer owning such dog shall annually receive a free dog license from the local collecting officer upon application therefore.

(9) CONTROL OF Defecation. (Cr. #95-394)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit a dog to be on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person and without the consent of the owner of the property, unless such person has in his immediate possession a device for the removal of excrement and a depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by such person. This provision shall not apply to handicapped persons owning or possessing dogs trained to assist such person to accommodate such person's handicap.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person in control of, causing or permitting any dog to be on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person and without the consent of the owner of the property to fail to remove excrement left by such dog to a proper receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person. This provision shall not apply to handicapped persons owning or possessing dogs trained to assist such person to accommodate such person's handicap.

(c) Notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary, any person violating any of the foregoing provisions of this Section 12.06(9) shall be give a written warning for the first offense, shall be fined not less than Forty (\$40.00) dollars for the second offense, Sixty (\$60,00) dollars for the third offense, One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the fourth offense and each offense thereafter, together with the costs of prosecution.