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Sec. 7-1-1 Dog License Required; Definitions.

- (a) **License Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Butler to own, harbor or keep any dog for more than five (5) months of age after July 1 of the license year without complying with the provisions of this Chapter and Sections 174.05 through 174.10, Wis. Stats., relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.
- (b) **Definitions.** In this Chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise require:
- (1) **Owner.** Any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog or cat and the occupant of any premises on which a dog or cat remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten (10) days; such person is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog or cat within the meaning of this Section.
 - (2) **At large.** To be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or otherwise, but a dog or cat within an automobile of its owner, or in an automobile of any other person with the consent of the owner of said dog or cat, shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.
 - (3) **Dog.** Any canine, regardless of age or sex.
 - (4) **Cat.** Any feline, regardless of age or sex.
 - (5) **Neutered.** A dog or cat having nonfunctional reproductive organs.
 - (6) **Animal.** Mammals, reptiles and birds.
 - (7) **Cruel.** Causing unnecessary and excessive pain or suffering or unjustifiable injury or death.
 - (8) **Law Enforcement Officer.** Has that meaning as appears in Sec. **967.02(5)**, Wis. Stats., and includes a humane officer under Sec. 58.07, Wis. Stats., but does not include a conservation warden appointed under Sec. 23.10, Wis. Stats.
 - (9) **Farm Animal.** Any warm-blooded animal normally raised on farms in the United States and used for food or fiber.
 - (10) **Pet.** An animal kept and treated as a pet.
 - (11) **Residential Lot.** A parcel zoned as residential, occupied or to be occupied by a dwelling, platted or unplatted and under common ownership. For the purpose of this Chapter, any vacant parcel or parcels adjoining a dwelling and under the same ownership shall constitute one (1) lot.
 - (12) **Restrain.** Includes notifying the dog or cat's owner or an officer and requesting either the owner or officer to capture and restrain the dog or cat, or capturing and restraining the dog or cat, and killing the dog or cat if the circumstances require immediate action.
 - (13) **Untagged.** Not having a valid license tag attached to a collar kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area.

State Law Reference: Sections 174.05 through 174.10, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 7-1-2 Rabies Vaccination Required for License.

- (a) **Rabies Vaccination.** The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days after the dog reaches four (4) months of age and revaccinated within one (1) year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into the Village of Butler after the dog has reached four (4) months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within thirty (30) days after the dog is brought into the Village unless the dog has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination. The owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date of that immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within two (2) years after the previous vaccination. The certificate of vaccination shall meet the requirements of Sec. 95.21(2), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Issuance of Certificate of Rabies Vaccination.** A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog against rabies shall complete and issue to the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination bearing a serial number and in the form approved by the Village stating the owner's name and address, the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed and color of the dog, the date of the vaccination, the type of rabies vaccination administered and the manufacturer's serial number, the date that the immunization expires as specified for that type of vaccine by the Center for Disease Control of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Village.
- (c) **Copies of Certificate.** The veterinarian shall keep a copy of each certificate of rabies vaccination in a file maintained for this purpose until the date that the immunization expires or until the dog is revaccinated, whichever occurs first.
- (d) **Rabies Vaccination Tag.** After issuing the certificate of rabies vaccination, the veterinarian shall deliver to the owner a rabies vaccination tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the certificate, the year the vaccination was given and the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- (e) **Tag to be Attached.** The owner shall attach the rabies vaccination tag or a substitute tag to a collar and a collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog at all times, but this requirement does not apply to a dog during competition or training, to a dog while hunting, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. The substitute tag shall be of a durable material and contain the same information as the rabies vaccination tag. The requirements of this paragraph do not apply to a dog which is not required to be vaccinated under Subsection (a).
- (f) **Duplicate Tag.** The veterinarian may furnish a new rabies vaccination tag with a new serial number to an owner in place of the original tag upon presentation of the certificate of rabies vaccination. The veterinarian shall then indicate the new tag number on the certificate and keep a record in the file.
- (g) **Cost.** The owner shall pay the cost of the rabies vaccination and the cost associated with the issuance of a certificate of rabies vaccination and the delivery of a rabies vaccination tag.

Sec. 7-1-3 Issuance of Dog and Kennel Licenses.

(a) Dog Licenses.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Butler to own, harbor or keep any dog more than five (5) months of age without complying with the provisions of Sec. 174.05 through Sec. 174.10, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.
- (2) The owner of any dog more than five (5) months of age on January 1 of any year, or five (5) months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes five (5) months of age, pay a license tax and obtain a license.
- (3) The minimum license tax under this Section shall be:
 - a. Neutered males and spayed females: As prescribed in Section 1-3-1,
 - b. Unneutered males and unsplayed females: As prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
- (4) Upon payment of the required license tax and upon presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, as required by Section 7-1-2 of this Chapter, the Village Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for such dog containing all information required by state law. The Village Treasurer shall also deliver to the owner, at the time of issuance of the license, a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license, the name of the county in which issued and the license year.
- (5) The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog for which the license is issued at all times, except as provided in Section 7-1-2(e).
- (6) The fact that a dog is without a tag attached to the dog by means of a collar shall be presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed. Any law enforcement or humane officer shall seize, impound or restrain any dog for which a dog license is required which is found without such tag attached.
- (7) Notwithstanding the foregoing, every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons is exempt from the dog license tax, and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the Village Treasurer upon application therefore.

(b) Kennel Licenses.

- (1) Any person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of the license tax for each dog required by this Chapter, apply for a kennel license for the keeping or operating of the kennel. Such person shall pay for the license year a license tax as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 for a kennel of twelve (12) or fewer dogs plus an additional fee for each dog in excess of twelve (12). Upon payment of the required kennel license tax and, if required by the Village Board, upon presentation of evidence that all dogs over five (5) months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the Village Treasurer shall issue the kennel license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept in the kennel. Kennels may only be located in residential areas following a public hearing and approval by the Village Board; the Board may attach conditions to such approval as a conditional use under the Village's Zoning Code.
- (2) The owner or keeper of a kennel shall keep at all times a kennel license tag attached to the collar of each dog over five (5) months old kept by the owner or keeper under

a kennel license but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. These tags may be transferred from one dog to another within the kennel whenever any dog is removed from the kennel. The rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag shall remain attached to the dog for which it is issued at all times but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. No dog bearing a kennel tag shall be permitted to stray or to be taken anywhere outside the limits of the kennel unless the dog is in leash or temporarily for the purposes of hunting, breeding, trial, training or competition.

- (3) The term “kennel” means any establishment wherein or whereon more than three (3) dogs are kept.
- (4) No kennel license shall be issued to the keeper or operator of a kennel who fails to provide proper food and drink and proper shelter for the dogs in said kennel or who neglects or abandons said dogs. Designated officials shall investigate any complaints regarding the failure to maintain proper standards or investigate any kennel premises upon his/her own initiative. Expressly incorporated by reference in this Section as minimum standards for kennel keepers or operator are the relevant provisions of Ch. **951**, Wis. Stats.
- (5) A condition of a kennel license shall be that the licensed premises may be entered and inspected at any reasonable hour by appropriate Village officials without any warrant, and the application for a license hereunder shall be deemed a consent to this provision. Any refusal to permit such inspection shall automatically operate as a revocation of any license issued hereunder and shall be deemed a violation of this Section. Should any kennel be found to constitute a public nuisance, the license shall be revoked and the nuisance abated pursuant to Village ordinances.

State Law Reference: Sec. 174.053, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 7-1-4 Late Fees.

The Village Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee as prescribed by the County from every owner of a dog five (5) months of age or over if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age. Said late fee shall be charged in addition to the required license fee.

Sec. 7-1-5 Rabies Quarantine.

- (a) **Dogs and Cats Confined.** If a district is quarantined for rabies, all dogs and cats within the Village shall be kept securely confined, tied, leashed or muzzled. Any dog or cat not confined, tied, leashed or muzzled is declared a public nuisance and may be impounded.

All officers shall cooperate in the enforcement of the quarantine. The Village Administrator shall promptly post in at least three (3) public places in the Village notices of quarantine.

- (b) **Exemption of Vaccinated Dog or Cat from Village Quarantine.** A dog or cat which is immunized currently against rabies, as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence, is exempt from the Village quarantine provisions of Subsection (a) if a rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag is attached to the dog's or cat's collar.
- (c) **Quarantine or Sacrifice of an Animal Suspected of Biting a Person or Being Infected or Exposed to Rabies.**
- (1) **Quarantine or sacrifice of dog or cat.** An officer or animal warden shall order a dog or cat quarantined if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person, is infected with rabies or has been in contact with a rabid animal. If a quarantine cannot be imposed because the dog or cat cannot be captured, the officer may kill the animal. The officer shall attempt to kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head.
 - (2) **Sacrifice of other animals.** An officer may order killed or may kill an animal other than a dog or cat if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person or is infected with rabies.
- (d) **Quarantine of Dog or Cat.**
- (1) **Delivery to isolation facility or quarantine on premises of owner.** An officer or animal warden who orders a dog or cat to be quarantined shall deliver the animal or shall order the animal delivered to an isolation facility as soon as possible but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the original order is issued or the officer may order the animal to be quarantined on the premises of the owner if the animal is immunized currently against rabies as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence.
 - (2) **Health risk to humans.** If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal bit a person, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal under strict isolation under the supervision of a veterinarian for at least ten (10) days after the incident occurred. In this paragraph, "supervision of a veterinarian" includes, at a minimum, examination of the animal on the first day of isolation, on the last day of isolation and on one (1) intervening day. If the observation period is not extended and if the veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat has not exhibited any signs of rabies, the animal may be released from quarantine at the end of the observation period.
 - (3) **Risk to animal health.**
 - a. If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal has been exposed to a rabid animal and if the dog or cat is not currently immunized against rabies, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal leashed or confined for one hundred eighty (180) days. The owner shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies between one

hundred fifty-five (155) and one hundred sixty-five (165) days after the exposure to a rabid animal.

- b. If a dog or cat is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal has been exposed to a rabid animal but if the dog or cat is immunized against rabies, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal leashed or confined for sixty (60) days. The owner shall have the animal revaccinated against rabies as soon as possible after exposure to a rabid animal.
- (4) **Destruction of a dog or cat exhibiting symptoms of rabies.** If a veterinarian determines that a dog or cat exhibits symptoms of rabies during the original or extended observation period, the veterinarian shall notify the owner and the officer who ordered the animal quarantined and the officer or veterinarian shall kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head. If the dog or cat is suspected to have bitten a person, the veterinarian shall notify the person or the person's physician.
- (e) **Delivery of Carcass; Preparation; Examination by Laboratory of Hygiene.** An officer who kills an animal shall deliver the carcass to a veterinarian or local health department. The veterinarian or local health department shall prepare the carcass, properly prepare and package the head of the animal in a manner to minimize deterioration, arrange for delivery by the most expeditious means feasible of the head of the animal to the State Laboratory of Hygiene and dispose of or arrange for the disposal of the remainder of the carcass in a manner which minimizes the risk or exposure to any rabies virus. The Laboratory of Hygiene shall examine the specimen and determine if the animal was infected with rabies. The State Laboratory of Hygiene shall notify the Village, the veterinarian or local health department which prepared the carcass and, if the animal is suspected to have bitten a person, that person or the person's physician.
- (0) **Cooperation of Veterinarian.** Any practicing veterinarian who is requested to be involved in the rabies control program by an officer is encouraged to cooperate in a professional capacity with the Village, the Laboratory of Hygiene, the local health department, the officer involved and, if the animal is suspected to have bitten a person, the person's physician.
- (g) **Responsibility for Quarantine and Laboratory Expenses.** The owner of an animal is responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with keeping the animal in an isolation facility, supervision and examination of the animal by a veterinarian, preparation of the carcass for laboratory examination and the fee for the laboratory examination. If the owner is unknown, the county is responsible for these expenses.

Sec. 7-1-6 Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals

- (a) **Restrictions.** It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Butler to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat which:
- (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
 - (2) Assaults or attacks any person or destroys property.
 - (3) Is at large within the limits of the Village.
 - (4) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons. (See Section 7-1-12.)
 - (5) Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
 - (6) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
 - (7) In the case of a dog, is unlicensed.
 - (8) Is tied or leashed in a manner that prohibits or impairs the reading of utility meters.
- (b) **Vicious Dogs and Animals.**
- (1) A “vicious dog or other animal” shall be defined as follows: Any dog or other animal shall be deemed and be presumed to be vicious if, at any time, it bites and inflicts a serious injury to any person or persons two (2) or more times during the dog’s or animal’s life under unprovoked circumstances and while off the dog’s or animal owner’s, keeper’s or caretaker’s premises or property. If the dog or other animal inflicts serious injury in a manner other than biting, said dog or other animal shall also be deemed and presumed to be vicious under this Section.
 - (2) A “serious injury” shall be defined as any abrasions, bruising, cuts, broken bones, lacerations, internal injuries, torn or pulled ligaments or muscles, head injuries, or any other such similar condition.
 - (3) No vicious dog or other animal as defined herein shall be allowed to be owned, kept, harbored, maintained, or cared for within the Village of Butler corporate limits, by any person or legal entity.
- (c) **Penalty for Keeping Vicious Dogs or Animals in Violation of Subsection (b).**
- (1) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (b) above shall pay a forfeiture of Five Hundred Dollars (*\$500.00*) together with all costs and assessments. Each day that a person owns, harbors, keeps, maintains or cares for any vicious dog or other animal in violation of this Section may be deemed a separate and distinct violation, subject to separate citations and convictions. Furthermore, any violation of Subsection (b) above shall result in a further penalty of having the subject animal or dog impounded by any law enforcement or animal control officer of the Village of Butler, or any law enforcement or animal control officer of any jurisdiction authorized by the Village of Butler to enforce or effectuate the Village of Butler’s ordinances.
 - (2) In the event that any vicious dog or animal has been impounded, said dog’s or animal’s owner shall be required to make arrangements to have said animal removed from the corporate limits of the Village of Butler within seven (7) days of impoundment. In the event any impounded animal has not had arrangements made to remove said animal from the corporate limits of the Village of Butler within said

seven (7) day period, any law enforcement officer or animal control officer for the Village of Butler shall be authorized to destroy said animal.

(d) **Potentially Dangerous Dog or Other Animal.**

(1) **Definitions.** “Potentially dangerous dog or other animal means the following:

- a. Any dog or other animal which, when unprovoked, on two (2) separate occasions within the immediate prior thirty-six (36) month period, engages in any behavior that requires a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury when the person and the dog are off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog.
- b. Any dog or other animal which, when unprovoked, bites a person, causing a less severe injury than is defined in Subsection (b)(2) above.
- c. Any dog or other animal which, when unprovoked, on two (2) separate occasions within the immediate prior thirty-six (36) month period, has killed, seriously bitten, inflicted injury or otherwise caused injury to a domestic animal off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog.

(2) **Restrictions and Rules Regarding Potentially Dangerous Dogs or Animals.**

- a. If a law enforcement or animal control officer for the Village of Butler or any other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction and authority to enforce this Section, has investigated and determined that there exists probable cause to believe that a dog or other animal which is owned, harbored, kept or cared for within the Village of Butler corporate limits is potentially dangerous as that term is defined herein, the Chief of Police or animal control officer for the Village of Butler or his/her designee, shall petition the Village Board for the Village of Butler, for a hearing for the purpose of determining whether or not the dog or other animal in question, should be declared potentially dangerous. Whenever possible, any complaint received from a member of the public which serves as part of the evidentiary basis for the animal control officer or law enforcement officer to find probable cause, shall be sworn to and verified by the complainant and shall be attached to the aforementioned petition. Notice of the hearing before the Village Board shall be given to the owner, caretaker or keeper of the dog or animal in question no less than seven (7) days prior to said hearing, with said notice, together with a copy of the petition, and all sworn complaints to be either served personally, or by first class mail with return receipt requested All hearings under this Section shall be open to the public.
- b. The hearing body, which shall be the Village Board for the Village of Butler, may admit all relevant documents and testimony into evidence including incident reports and affidavits of witnesses, photographs, and personal testimony. The Village Board for the Village of Butler shall be the exclusive trier of the issue of whether a dog or other animal is determined to be potentially dangerous. For the Village Board of the Village of Butler to determine that a dog or other animal is potentially dangerous, there must be a preponderance of the evidence to establish the same.
- c. Any owner, harborer, keeper, caretaker, or other interested party who is aggrieved by any decision of the Village Board under this Section shall have the right to

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appeal the same by filing an action for certiorari with the Circuit Court no more than thirty (30) days from the date that said aggrieved person had received written notice of the Village Board's decision on whether a dog or other animal is potentially dangerous.

- d. After the hearing conducted pursuant to Section 7-1-6(d)(2)a above, the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of the dog or other animal shall be notified in writing of the determination and orders issued, either personally or by first class mail return receipt requested. If a determination is made that a dog or other animal is potentially dangerous as herein provided, the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker shall comply with Section 7-1 -6(d)(2)h and i in accordance with the time schedule established by the chief law enforcement officer or animal control officer of the Village of Butler, but in no case more than thirty (30) days after the date of the determination, or thirty-five **(35)** days if the notice of the determination is mailed to the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of the dog or other animal.
- e. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if any injury or damage is sustained by a person who, at the time the injury or damage was sustained, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of the dog or other animal, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or other animal, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if the dog or other animal was protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if an injury or damage was sustained by a domestic animal which, at the time of the injury, or damage was sustained, was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or other animal.
- f. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if the injury or damage to a domestic animal was sustained while the dog was working as a hunting dog, herding dog, or predator control dog on the property of or under the control of its owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker, and the damage or injury was to a species or type of domestic animal appropriate to the work of the dog.
- g. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if the injury or damage to another domestic animal was sustained while on the property or premises of the owner, harbinger, keeper or caretaker of the dog or other animal, and the injured domestic dog or animal was upon .the property not owned or maintained by the owner of the injured or damaged domestic animal.
- h. All potentially dangerous dogs or other animals shall be properly licensed and vaccinated. The licensing authority for the Village of Butler shall include the potentially dangerous designation in the registration records of the dog, either

after the owner or keeper of the dog has agreed to the designation or the Village Board, after hearing, has determined the designation applies to the dog. The Village of Butler may charge a potentially dangerous dog fee in addition to the regular licensing fee as to provide for the increased cost of maintaining the records of the dog.

- i. A potentially dangerous dog or other animal, while on the owner's property, shall, at all times, be kept indoors or in a securely fenced yard from which the dog cannot escape and into which children cannot trespass. A potentially dangerous dog or other animal may be off the owner's premises only if it is restrained by a substantial leash, of appropriate length, and muzzled, and if it is under the control and supervision of a responsible adult while being restrained by said leash and muzzle.
- j. If a potentially dangerous dog or other animal dies, or is sold, transferred or permanently removed from the Village of Butler where the owner, harbinger, keeper or caretaker so resides, said person who owns, keeps, harbors, or caretakes a potentially dangerous dog or other animal shall notify the chief law enforcement officer for the Village of Butler or the animal control officer of the change in condition or new location of the potentially dangerous dog or other animal in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of said dog or other animal's remove.

(e) Penalty for Violations of Subsection (d)(2). Any person or entity convicted of violating Section 7-1-6(d)(2) shall pay a forfeiture of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars **(\$250.00)**, together with all costs and assessments. Each day that a person owns, harbors, keeps, maintains or cares for any potentially dangerous dog or other animal in violation of Section 7-1-6(d)(2), may be deemed separate and distinct violations, subject to separate citations and convictions. Furthermore, any violation of Section 7-1-6(d)(2) shall result in a further penalty of having the subject animal or dog impounded by any law enforcement or animal control officer of the Village of Butler, or any law enforcement or animal control officer of any jurisdiction authorized by the Village of Butler to enforce or effectuate the Village of Butler's ordinances, may impound any dog or other animal which is subject to Section 7-1-6(e)(2). In the event that any restricted or prohibited animal or other vicious or potentially vicious animal or dog has been impounded, said dog's or animal's lawful owner shall be required to make arrangements to have said animal removed from the corporate Village of Butler limits within seven (7) days of impoundment. In the event any impounded animal has not had arrangements made to lawfully remove said animal from the corporate Village limits within said seven (7) day period, any law enforcement officer or animal control officer for the Village of Butler shall be authorized to destroy said animal.

(f) Unleashed Dogs or Other Animals Running at Large.

- (1) No owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of any dog or other animal shall permit the same to be unleashed or unrestrained at any time said dog or other animal is not on the owner's, keeper's, harbinger's, or caretaker's property or premises and which is upon

any. public street, alley, right-of-way or any school ground, public park, cemetery or other public or private property without the permission of the owner or occupier of the property.

- (2) A dog or other animal which is leashed or otherwise restrained by any device that is less than ten (10) feet in length, which is of sufficient strength to restrain and control said dog or other animal, and is held by a person competent to govern and control said animal, who has obtained the age of ten (10) years or more, and is able to prevent said dog or animal from annoying or worrying pedestrians or from trespassing on private or public property. Furthermore, a dog or other animal is not unleashed or uncontrolled and at large if it is properly restrained within a motor vehicle.
 - (3) Any person or entity who violates this Subsection (f) shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (**\$25.00**) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), together with any impoundment under Section 7-1-7.
- (g) **Owner's Liability for Damage Caused by Dogs or Other Animals; Penalties.** The provisions of Sec. 174.02, Wis. Stats., relating to the owner's liability for damage caused by dogs and other animals together with the penalties therein set forth are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- (h) **Animals Restricted on Public Grounds and Cemeteries.** No dog or cat shall be permitted in any public playground, school grounds, public park, or swimming area within the Village. Dogs and cats are prohibited from being in cemeteries. Every dog specially trained to lead blind persons shall be exempt from this Section.

Sec. 7-1-7 Impoundment of Animals.

- (a) **Animal Control Agency.**
- (1) The Village of Butler may contract with or enter into an agreement with such person, persons, organization or corporation to provide for the operation of an animal shelter, impoundment of stray animals, confinement of certain animals, disposition of impoundment animals and for assisting in the administration of rabies vaccination programs.
 - (2) The Village of Butler does hereby delegate to any such animal control agency the authority to act pursuant to the provisions of this Section.
- (b) **Impounding of Animals.** In addition to any penalty hereinafter provided for a violation of this Chapter, A law enforcement or animal control officer may impound any dog, cat or other animal 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, cries or howls, kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal or is infected with rabies. In order for an animal to be impounded, the impounding officer must see or hear the violation of this Section or have in his/her possession a signed statement of a complaining witness made

under oath alleging the facts regarding the violation and containing an agreement to reimburse the Village for any damages it sustains for improper or illegal seizure.

- (c) **Claiming Animal; Disposal of Unclaimed Animals.** After seizure of animals under this Section by a law enforcement or animal control officer, the animal shall be impounded. The officer shall notify the owner, personally or through the U.S. Mail, if such owner be known to the officer or can be ascertained with reasonable effort, but if such owner be unknown or unascertainable, the officer shall post written notice in three (3) public places in the Village, giving a description of the animal, stating where it is impounded and the conditions for its release, after the law enforcement officer or animal control officer has taken such animal into his/her possession. If within seven (7) days after such notice the owner does not claim such animal, the officer may dispose of the animal in a proper and humane manner; provided, if an animal before being impounded has bitten a person, the animal shall be retained in the Animal Shelter for ten (10) days for observation purposes. Within such times, the owner may reclaim the animal upon payment of impoundment fees, such fees to be established by resolution of the Village Board or impounding agency. No animal shall be released from the pound without being properly licensed if so required by state law or Village Ordinance.
- (d) **Sale of Impounded Animals.** If the owner doesn't reclaim the animal within seven (7) days, the animal control officer may sell the animal to any willing buyer.
- (e) **Village Not Liable for Impounding Animals.** The Village and/or its animal control agency shall not be liable for the death of any animal which has been impounded or disposed of pursuant to this Section.

Sec. 7-1-8 Duty of Owner in Case of Dog or Cat Bite.

Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog or cat who knows that such dog or cat has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact to the Village Police Department and shall keep such dog or cat confined for not less than ten (10) days or for such period of time as directed. The owner or keeper of any such dog or cat shall surrender the dog or cat to a law enforcement or humane officer upon demand for examination.

Sec. 7-1-9 Pit Bulls and Other Regulated Dogs and Animals.

- (a) **Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited.** Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the Village of Butler:
- (1) **Exotic Animals.** Any warm-blooded, carnivorous or omnivorous, wild or exotic animal including but not limited to non-human primates, raccoons, skunks, foxes and wild and exotic cats.

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- (2) **Poisonous Animals.** Any animal having poisonous bites.
- (3) **Regulated Dogs.** Any regulated dog provided that regulated dogs complying with the provisions of this Section may be kept within the Village subject to the standards and requirements set forth in Subsection (b) of this Section. There shall be a presumption that any dog which substantially conforms or exhibits the distinguishing characteristics or substantially conforms to the standards describing the physical characteristics as recognized by the American Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club, or Continental Kennel Club for a particular breed which is regulated by this Section, shall be deemed a dog of the breed so regulated. “Regulated dog” as that term is used in this Section is defined to mean:
 - a. The Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog;
 - b. The American pit bull terrier breed of dog;
 - c. The American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog;
 - d. The Perro de Presa Canario breed of dog, otherwise known as Presa Canario, also known as Canary Dog or Presa dog.
 - e. The Rottweiler breed of dog.
 - f. The German Shepherd breed of dog.
 - g. The Rhodesian Ridgeback breed of dog.
 - h. The Mastiff breed of dog.
 - i. Any dog which has the appearance and characteristic of being predominantly of any of the above-listed breed or breeds of dogs.

(b) Keeping of Regulated Dogs. The provisions of Subsection (a) are not applicable to parties who own, keep or harbor regulated dogs within the Village of Butler, provided there is full compliance with the following conditions:

- (1) **Leash and Muzzle.** No person shall permit a regulated dog to go outside its kennel or pen unless such dog is securely leashed with a leash no longer than four (4) feet in length. No person shall permit a regulated dog to be kept on a chain, rope or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless a person is in physical control of the leash. Such dogs may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, etc. In addition, all regulated dogs on a leash outside the animal’s kennel or pen must be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent such dog from biting persons or other animals.
- (2) **Confinement.** All regulated dogs shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel except when leashed and muzzled as provided in Subsection (b)(1). All pens or kennels shall comply with all zoning, building and health regulations of the Village and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (3) **Confinement indoors.** No regulated dog may be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure that would allow the dog to exit such building on its own volition.
- (4) **Insurance.**
 - a. All owners, keepers or harborers of regulated dogs must within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Section provide proof to the Administrator of public liability insurance in the amounts of:

1. Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for bodily injury or death to any one person with the limit, however, of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury or death resulting from any one incident/accident; and
 2. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for property damage resulting from any one incident/accident.
- b. The Village of Butler shall be named as an additional insured under such insurance and a copy of the current in-force policy shall be deposited with the Administrator. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy will be made unless ten (10) days' written notice is first given to the Administrator.
- (5) **Registration.** All owners, keepers or harborers of regulated dogs shall within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Section register said dog with the Village by filing with the Village Administrator two (2) color photographs of the dog clearly showing the color and approximate size of the dog.
- (6) **Reporting Requirements.** All owners, keepers or harborers of registered regulated dogs must within ten (10) days of the incident, report the following information in writing to the Village Administrator:
- a. The removal from the Village or death of a registered regulated dog;
 - b. The birth of offspring of a registered regulated dog;
 - c. The new address of a registered regulated dog should the dog be moved within the Village of Butler.
 - d. If the registered regulated dog is sold, the name and address of the new owner.
- (7) **Animals Born of Registered Dogs.** All offspring born of registered regulated dogs registered within the Village must be removed from the Village within six (6) weeks after the birth of said animal.
- (8) **Failure to Comply.** It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or harborer of a registered regulated dog registered with the Village to fail to comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in this Section.

Sec. 7-1-10 Wolf/Dog Hybrid Regulation and Confinement.

- (a) **Definitions.** A "wolf/dog hybrid" is defined as any cross-breed resulting from the mating of a domesticated dog and a wolf, coyote jackal or dingo or resulting from the mating of any wolf/dog hybrid and another wolf/dog hybrid or a domesticated dog. As used herein:
- (1) **Canine Animal.** Includes all members of the family *canidae* except foxes.
 - (2) **Domesticated Dog.** *Canis familiaris*.
 - (3) **Wolf.** Includes both *canis lupus* and *canis niger*.
 - (4) **Coyote.** *Canis latrans*.

(5) **Jackal.** *Canis Aurens.*

(6) **Dingo.** *Canis dingo.*

- (b) **Prohibition on Unregistered Animals.** No person shall harbor, keep or maintain within the Village of Butler any wolf/dog hybrid which has not been registered pursuant to Subsection (k) below on or before January 30, 2003. This prohibition shall not apply to animals being transported through the limits of the Village of Butler within a one (1) hour period of time. A pup born to a female wolf/dog hybrid so registered shall be removed from the Village of Butler before it has reached the age of five (5) months. Wolf/dog hybrids permitted in the Village of Butler shall be confined as set forth in this Section.
- (c) **Removal; Impoundment.** Whenever any person is charged with harboring, keeping or maintaining a wolf/dog hybrid in the Village of Butler which has not been registered on or before January 30, 2003, that person shall, to the satisfaction of the Court, remove said animal from the Village of Butler until a trial on the citation. If said animal has not been so removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the service of the citation, the said animal may be impounded as directed by the Police Department until the trial on the citation. In that case, the owner of any such animal shall pay all expenses incurred due to such impoundment, including but not limited to the cost of shelter, food, handling and veterinary care. If it is determined by plea or trial that said animal is a wolf/dog hybrid not registered pursuant to Subsection (k) on or before January 30, 2003, it shall be removed from and not returned to the Village of Butler.
- (d) **Confinement Requirements.** The owner of any wolf/dog hybrid permitted to be kept in the Village of Butler, and the owner of any property on which such wolf/dog hybrid is kept, shall see that the animal is at all times confined according to the minimum requirements of this Section. A wolf/dog hybrid may be kept only in enclosures that meet the following minimum requirements:
- (1) The first enclosure shall be constructed of not less than nine- (9-) gauge galvanized chain link fencing, with mesh openings not greater than two (2) inches, which shall be securely anchored by stainless steel or copper rings, placed at intervals not greater than six (6) inches apart, to a poured concrete base as described herein. Such enclosure shall be not less than five hundred (500) square feet in area, plus two hundred fifty (250) square feet for each additional canine animal kept therein. Such enclosure shall be the location in which any wolf/dog hybrid is primarily kept.
 - (2) The first enclosure shall extend to a height of not less than eight (8) feet, and shall be surrounded from ground level to a height of not less than four (4) feet by one quarter (1/4) inch galvanized mesh screening.
 - (3) The first enclosure shall have a full top, which shall also be constructed of not less than nine- (9-) gauge chain link fencing with mesh openings not greater than two (2) inches, and which shall be securely anchored to the sides of the enclosure. The entire base of the first enclosure shall be a poured concrete slab floor at least four (4) inches thick.

- (4) The second enclosure shall consist of a securely anchored fence at least six (6) feet in height, which shall entirely surround the first enclosure, and no part of which shall be nearer than six (6) feet in height, which shall entirely surround the first enclosure, and no part of which shall be nearer than six (6) feet from any part of the first enclosure. Said fence shall be a “vision barrier” fence, no more than five percent (5%) open for through vision, except, however, that the portion of said fence facing the dwelling of the owner of said animals or of the property on which they are kept shall be constructed of not less than nine- (9-) gauge chain link fencing, to provide for observation of said animals. If any portion of said fence is made of wood, the finished or painted side thereof shall face outward from the first enclosure.
 - (5) Both enclosures shall be kept locked with case hardened locks at all times when an animal is unattended by an adult. The first (innermost) enclosure shall have double entrance gates or doors situated and constructed in such a fashion as to prevent an animal from escaping past an open gate or door. The gates or doors providing access to the first (innermost) enclosure shall be spring-loaded, so as to shut on their own accord behind anyone entering that enclosure.
 - (6) Within the first enclosure, shelter shall be provided adequate to protect the animals confined against weather extremes. The first enclosure shall be regularly cleaned to remove excreta and other waste materials, dirt and trash, in a manner adequate to minimize health hazards and avoid offensive odors.
 - (7) The above described enclosures shall be located in the rear yard of any property on which a wolf/dog hybrid is kept, as defined in the Village Zoning Code.
- (e) **Transportation and Muzzling of Animals.** A wolf/dog hybrid may be transported only if confined in a secure, locked container, covered with one-fourth (1/4) inch galvanized fine mesh screen. This paragraph shall not prohibit the walking of such animals, provided they are muzzled and restrained by a leather lead, at least one (1) inch in diameter and not exceeding three (3) feet in length, attached to a metal choker-type collar, under the control of an adult. The muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the wolf/dog hybrid or unduly interfere with its vision or respiration, but will prevent it from biting any person or animal.
- (f) **Right of Inspection.** To insure compliance with this Section, any person possessing any registration papers, certificate, advertisement or other written evidence relating to the bloodlines or ownership of a canine animal found within the Village shall produce the same for inspection on demand of any law enforcement, conservation or public health officer or court.
- (g) **Limitation on Numbers.** No person shall own, harbor or keep in his/her possession on any one parcel of property more than three (3) wolf/dog hybrids over five (5) months of age at any one time, nor shall any person retain a litter or portion of a litter of wolf/dog hybrids longer than five (5) months.
- (h) **Veterinary Exception.** The foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to doctors of veterinary medicine in temporary possession of wolf/dog hybrids in the ordinary course of their practice.

- (l) **Abandonment or Negligent Release.** No person shall willfully or negligently release or abandon a wolf/dog hybrid as defined herein within the Village.
- U) **Nonconforming Enclosures.** As to any person keeping wolf/dog hybrids in existing enclosures in the Village of Butler on the date of passage of this Section, Subsection (d) shall take effect on January 30, 2003; for all other persons, said Subsection shall take effect and be in force from and after, passage and publication as provided by law. The remaining provisions of this Section shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication as provided by law.
- (k) **Wolf/Dog Hybrid Registration.** All owners of any wolf/dog hybrid in the Village of Butler shall, on or before January 30, 2003, and annually thereafter on or before January 30th of each year, register such animal and provide a current color photograph of such animal with the Village Treasurer's office and pay a registration fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). At the time of registration, each owner of any wolf/dog hybrid kept within the Village limits shall provide to the Village Treasurer proof of liability insurance in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for any acts of property damage, personal injury or other liability incurred by virtue of any injury or damage inflicted by such wolf/dog hybrid. Such insurance shall name the Village of Butler as co-insured solely for the purpose of notice of cancellation of such insurance policy.
- (1) **Warning Sign.** The owner or keeper of a wolf/dog hybrid shall display on the premises on which such animal is kept signs warning that there is a wolf/dog hybrid on the property as provided herein. Such signs shall be visible and capable of being read within at least twenty (20) feet of their placement, but shall not be more than two (2) square feet in area, and shall state in bold, capital letters, on a white background, the following:
"WARNING - WOLF/DOG HYBRIDS PRESENT". One such sign shall be placed in the front yard of any property on which any wolf/dog hybrid is kept, and additional such signs shall be placed on all gates or doors providing access through the second (outermost) enclosure required above.

Sec. 7-1-11 Animal Feces.

- (a) **Removal of Fecal Matter.** The owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, horse, or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any street, alley or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately removed there from by said owner or person in charge. This Section shall not apply to a person who is visually or physically handicapped.
- (b) **Accumulation of Fecal Matter Prohibited on Private Yards.** The owner or person in charge of the dog or cat must also prevent accumulation of animal waste on his/her own property by regularly patrolling and properly disposing of the fecal matter.

Sec. 7-1-12 Injury to Property by Animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing an animal, dog or cat to permit such animal, dog or cat to go upon any parkway or private lands or premises without the permission of the owner of such premises and break, bruise, tear up, crush or injure any lawn, flower bed, plant, shrub, tree or garden in any manner whatsoever, or to defecate thereon.

Sec. 7-1-13 Barking Dogs or Crying Cats.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to keep or harbor any dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps, or any cat which habitually cries or howls to the great discomfort of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or in such manner as to materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities. Such dogs and cats are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The owner of a dog or cat is considered to be in violation of this Section when two (2) formal, written complaints are filed with Village law enforcement officers within a four (4) week period.

Sec. 7-1-14 Prohibited and Protected Animals, Fowl, Reptiles and Insects; Farm Animals.

(a) Protected Animals.

- (1) **Possession and Sale of Protected Animals.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess with intent to sell or offer for sale, or buy or attempt to buy, within the Village any of the following animals, alive or dead, or any part or product thereof: all wild cats of the family felidae, polar bear (*thalarctos maritimus*), red wolf (*canis niger*), vicuna (*vicugna vicugna*), gray or timber wolf (*canis lupus*), sea otter (*enhydra lutris*), Pacific ridley turtle (*lepidochelys olivacea*), Atlantic green turtle (*chelonia mydas*), Mexican ridley turtle (*lepidochelys kemp*).
- (2) **Compliance with Federal Regulations.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to buy, sell or offer for sale a native or foreign species or subspecies of mammal, bird, amphibian or reptile, or the dead body or parts thereof, which appears on the endangered species list designated by the United States Secretary of the Interior and published in the Code of Federal Regulations pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1969 (Public Law 135, 91st Congress).
- (3) **Regulating the Importation of Certain Birds.** No person, firm or corporation shall import or cause to be imported into this Village any part of the plumage, skin or dead body of any species of hawk, owl or eagle. This paragraph shall not be construed to forbid or restrict the importation or use of the plumage, skin, body or any part thereof

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legally collected for use by the American Indians for ceremonial purposes or in the preservation of their tribal customs and heritage.

- (b) **Exceptions.** The provisions of Subsection (a) above shall not be deemed to prevent the lawful importation, possession, purchase or sale of any species by any public agency, institute of higher learning, persons holding federal permits, or by a person holding a Scientific Collectors Permit issued by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources of the state, or to any person or organization licensed to present a circus.
- (c) **Wild Animals; Prohibition on Keeping.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or have in his/her possession or under his/her control within the Village any poisonous reptile or any other dangerous or carnivorous wild animal, insect or reptile, any vicious or dangerous domesticated animal or any other animal or reptile of wild, vicious or dangerous propensities. Specifically, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or have in his possession or under his/her control within the Village any of the following animals, reptiles or insects:
- (1) All poisonous animals and reptiles including rear-fang snakes.
 - (2) Apes: Chimpanzees (Pan); gibbons (Hylobates); gorillas (Gorilla); orangutans (Pongo); and siamangs (Symphalangus).
 - (3) Baboons (Papoi, Mandrillus).
 - (4) Bears (Ursidae).
 - (5) Bison (Bison).
 - (6) Cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus).
 - (7) Crocodilians (Crocodilia), thirty (30) inches in length or more.
 - (8) Constrictor snakes.
 - (9) Coyotes (Canis latrans).
 - (10) Deer (Cervidae); includes all members of the deer family; for example, whitetailed deer, elk, antelope and moose. .
 - (11) Elephants (Elephas and Loxodonta).
 - (12) Game cocks and other fighting birds.
 - (13) Hippopotami (Hippopotamidae).
 - (14) Hyenas (Hyaenidae).
 - (15) Jaguars (Panthera onca).
 - (16) Leopards (Panthera pardus).
 - (17) Lions (Panthera leo).
 - (18) Lynxes (Lynx).
 - (19) Monkeys, old world (Cercopithecidae).
 - (20) Ostriches (Struthio).
 - (21) Pumas (Felis concolor); also known as cougars, mountain lions and panthers.
 - (22) Rhinoceroses (Rhinocero tidae).’
 - (23) Sharks (class Chondrichthyes).
 - (24) Snow leopards (Panthera uncia).

- (25) Tigers (*Panthera tigris*).
 - (26) Wolves (*Canis lupus*).
 - (27) 'Poisonous insects.
- (d) **Exceptions; Pet Shops.** The prohibitions of Subsection (c) above shall not apply where the creatures are in the care, custody or control of: a veterinarian for treatment; agricultural fairs; shows or projects of the 4-H Clubs; a display for judging purposes; an itinerant or transient carnival, circus or other show; dog or cat shows or trials; public or private educational institutions; licensed pet shops; zoological gardens; if:
- (1) Their location conforms to the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the Village.
 - (2) All animals and animal quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition and so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors.
 - (3) Animals are maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape.
 - (4) No person lives or resides within one hundred (100) feet of the quarters in which the animals are kept.
- (e) **Farm Animals; Miniature Pigs.** Except as provided in Section 7-1-22 regarding miniature pigs and on properties zoned in an agricultural classification, no person shall own, keep, harbor or board any cattle, horses, ponies, swine, goats, sheep, fowl [more than two (2)] or rabbits [more than four (4)]. For purposes of this Subsection, the term "swine" shall not include any miniature pigs of either sex weighing less than eighty (80) pounds which are intended for and kept as domestic pets.

Sec. 7-1-15 Sale of Rabbits, Chicks or Artificially Colored Animals.

- (a) No person may sell, offer for sale, raffle, give as a prize or premium, use as an advertising device or display living chicks, ducklings, other fowl or rabbits that have been dyed or otherwise colored artificially.
- (b) (1) No person may sell, offer for sale, barter or give away living chicks, ducklings or other fowl without providing proper brooder facilities for the care of such chicks, ducklings or other fowl during the time they are in such person's care, custody or control.
- (2) No retailer, as defined in Sec. 100.30(2)(g), Wis. Stats., may sell, offer for sale, barter or give away living baby rabbits, baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl under two (2) months of age, in any quantity less than six (6), unless' the purpose of selling these animals is for agricultural, wildlife or scientific purposes.

State Law Reference: Sec. 951.11, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 7-1-16 Providing Proper Food and Drink to Confined Animals.

- (a) No person owning or responsible for confining or impounding any animal may refuse or neglect to supply the animal with a sufficient supply of food and water as prescribed in this Section.

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- (b) The food shall be sufficient to maintain all animals in good health.
- (c) If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it shall be provided daily and in sufficient quantity for the health of the animal.

State Law Reference: Sec. 951.13, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 7-1-17 Providing Proper Shelter.

- (a) **Proper Shelter.** No person owning or responsible for confining or impounding any animal may fail to provide the animal with proper shelter as prescribed in this Section. In the case of farm animals, nothing in this Section shall be construed as imposing shelter requirements or standards more stringent than normally accepted husbandry practices in the particular county where the animal or shelter is located.
- (b) **Indoor Standards.** Minimum indoor standards of shelter shall include:
 - (1) **Ambient temperatures.** The ambient temperature shall be compatible with the health of the animal.
 - (2) **Ventilation.** Indoor housing facilities shall be adequately ventilated by natural or mechanical means to provide for the health of the animals at all times.
- (c) **Outdoor Standards.** Minimum outdoor standards of shelter shall include:
 - (1) **Shelter from sunlight.** When sunlight is likely to cause heat exhaustion of an animal tied or caged outside, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to protect the animal from direct sunlight. As used in this paragraph, “caged” does not include farm fencing used to confine farm animals.
 - (2) **Shelter from inclement weather.**
 - a. **Animals generally.** Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided as necessary for the health of the animal.
 - b. **Dogs.** If a dog is tied or confined unattended outdoors under weather conditions which adversely affect the health of the dog, a shelter of suitable size to accommodate the dog shall be provided.
- (d) **Space Standards.** Minimum space requirements for both indoor and outdoor enclosures shall include:
 - (1) **Structural strength.** The housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.
 - (2) **Space requirements.** Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of debility, stress or abnormal behavior patterns.
- (e) **Sanitation Standards.** Minimum standards of sanitation for both indoor and outdoor enclosures shall include periodic cleaning to remove excreta and other waste materials, dirt and trash so as to minimize health hazards.

State Law Reference: Sec. 951.14, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 7-1-18 Neglected or Abandoned Animals.

(a) Neglected or Abandoned Animals.

- (1) No person may abandon any animal.
- (2) Any law enforcement or animal control officer may remove, shelter and care for an animal found to be cruelly exposed to the weather, starved or denied adequate water, neglected, abandoned or otherwise treated in a cruel manner and may deliver such animal to another person to be sheltered, cared for and given medical attention, if necessary. In all cases the owner, if known, shall be immediately notified and such officer, or other person, having possession of the animal shall have a lien thereon for its care, keeping and medical attention and the expense of notice.
- (3) If the owner or custodian is unknown and cannot, with reasonable effort, be ascertained or does not, within five (5) days after notice, redeem the animal by paying the expenses incurred, it may be treated as a stray and dealt with as such.
- (4) Whenever, in the opinion of any such officer, an animal is hopelessly injured or diseased so as to be beyond the probability of recovery, it shall be lawful for such officer to kill such animal and the owner thereof shall not recover damages for the killing of such animal unless he shall prove that such killing was unwarranted.
- (5) Section **951.16**, Investigation of Cruelty Complaints, and Sec. 951.17, Wis. Stats., Expenses of Investigation, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Chapter.

- (b) **Injured Animals.** No person who owns, harbors or keeps any animal shall fail to provide proper medical attention to such animal when and if such animal becomes sick or injured. In the event the owner of such animal cannot be located, the Village or any animal control agency with whom the Village has an agreement or contract shall have the authority to take custody of such animal for the purpose of providing medical treatment, and the owner thereof shall reimburse the person or organization for the costs of such treatment.

State Law Reference: ‘Secs. 951.15, 951.16 and 951.17, Wis. Stats.

Sec 7-1-19 Cruelty to Animals and Birds Prohibited.

- (a) **Acts of Cruelty Prohibited.** No person except a law enforcement or animal control officer in the pursuit of his duties shall, within the Village, shoot or kill or commit an act of cruelty to any animal or bird or disturb any bird’s nests or bird’s eggs.
- (b) **Leading Animal From Motor Vehicle.** No person shall lead any animal upon a Village Street from a motor vehicle or from a trailer or semi-trailer drawn by a motor vehicle.
- (c) **Use of Poisonous and Controlled Substances.** No person may expose any pet animal owned by another to any known poisonous substance or controlled substance listed in

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Sec. 961.14, Wis. Stats., whether mixed with meat or other food or not, where it is reasonable to anticipate the substance may be eaten by such animal or for the purpose of harming the animal. This Subsection shall not apply to poison used on one's own premises and designed for the purpose of rodent and pest extermination, nor the use of a controlled substance used in accepted veterinarian practice or in research by persons or organizations regularly engaged in such research.

- (d) **Use of Certain Devices Prohibited.** No person may directly or indirectly, or by aiding, abetting or permitting the doing thereof either put, place, fasten, use or fix upon or to any animal used or readied for use for a work purpose or for use in an exhibition, competition, rodeo, circus or other performance any of the following devices: a bristle bur, tack bur or like device; or a poling device used to train a horse to jump which is charged with electricity or to which have been affixed nails, tacks or other sharp points.
- (e) **Shooting at Caged or Staked Animals.** No person may instigate, promote, aid or abet as a principal, agent, employee, participant or spectator, or participate in the earnings from or intentionally maintain or allow any place to be used for the shooting, killing or wounding with a firearm or any deadly weapon any animal that is tied, staked out, caged or otherwise intentionally confined in a man-made enclosure, regardless of size.

Sec. 7-1-20 Limitation on Number of Dogs and Cats.

- (a) **Purpose.** The keeping of a large number of dogs and cats within the Village of Butler for a considerable period of time detracts from and, in many instances, is detrimental to, healthful and comfortable life in such areas. The keeping of a large number of dogs and cats is, therefore, declared a public nuisance.
- (b) **Number Limited.**
 - (1) No person or family shall own, harbor or keep in its possession more than a total of more than three (3) dogs or four (4) cats, or a total combination of four (4) thereof, in any residential unit without the prior issuance of a kennel license by the Village Board except that a litter of pups or kittens or a portion of a litter may be kept for not more than ten (10) weeks from birth.
 - (2) The above requirement may be waived with the approval of the Village Board when a kennel license has been issued by the Village pursuant to Section 7-1-3(b). Such application for waiver shall first be made to the Village Administrator.

Sec. 7-1-21 Trapping of Animals.

- (a) In the interest of public health and safety, it shall be unlawful for any person, in or on Village-owned land within the Village of Butler to set, place or tend any trap for the

purpose of trapping, killing, catching, wounding, worrying or molesting any animal, except by use of live box-type traps only. Live box-type traps shall be defined as those traps which capture and hold an animal in an alive and unharmed condition.

- (b) This Section shall prohibit the use of all traps other than live traps as described above, including, but not limited to, traps commonly known as leg traps, pan-type traps or other traps designed to kill, wound or close upon a portion of the body of an animal.
- (c) All such traps set, placed or tended shall comply with Chapter 29 of the Wisconsin Statutes as they relate to trapping.
- (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or hinder the Village of Butler or its employees or agents from performing their official duties.

Sec. 7-1-22 Keeping of Bees.

It shall be unlawful for any person to establish or maintain any hive, stand or box where bees are kept or keep any bees in or upon any premises within the corporate limits of the Village of Butler.

Sec. 7-1-23 Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs.

- (a) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:
 - (1) “Vietnamese Potbellied Pig” shall mean a purebred Vietnamese Potbellied Pig registered through a North American Vietnamese Potbellied Pig Registry, which does not exceed one hundred (100) pounds in weight.’
- (b) **License Required/Fee.** It is unlawful for any person, party, firm or corporation to keep or maintain within the Village of Butler limits a Vietnamese Potbellied Pig without first having obtained a license from the Village Treasurer and being in compliance with all provisions of this Section. The fee for a license issued hereunder or renewal thereof shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per calendar year or fraction thereof. Excepted from the license requirement is any law enforcement agency or agency under contract with the Village to care for stray or unwanted animals.
- (c) **License/Application.**
 - (1) Any applicant for a license or renewal thereof under this~ Section shall file with the Village Treasurer a fully executed application on a form prescribed by the Village Treasurer, accompanied by the annual license fee.
 - (2) No licenses or renewal thereof shall issue hereunder until:
 - a. A Certificate of Purebred Registration is filed with the Village Treasurer.
 - b. There has been an inspection by a Village law enforcement officer or the Building Inspector of the premises being licensed and a determination by said

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sanitarian that all requirements of this Section, and other applicable general and zoning ordinances, have been met.

- c. There is an adequate means of restraining animals from running at large or disturbing the peace.
- (3) Any license or renewal thereof issued hereunder shall be for a calendar year or portion thereof. Licenses must be renewed each calendar year on or before the 31st day of January. Licenses shall not be assignable or transferable either to another person, party, firm or corporation or for another location.
- (4) When issued, a license shall be kept upon the licensed premises and exhibited, upon request, to any Village personnel requesting to examine it and having authority to enforce this Section.
- (5) Only one (1) Vietnamese Potbellied Pig may be at any premises.
- (d) **License Requirements.** Licensee shall comply with the following as a condition of obtaining and maintaining a license:
 - (1) Animal feces to be collected on a daily basis and stored in a sanitary receptacle. Animals shall not be brought, or permitted to be, on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by the owner or person in charge of the animal, unless such person has in his/her immediate possession an appropriate device for scooping excrement and an appropriate depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by such person.
 - (2) When sunlight is likely to cause overheating to discomfort, sufficient shade shall be provided to allow an animal kept outdoors to protect itself from the direct rays of the sun.
 - (3) An animal kept outdoors shall be provided with access to shelter to allow it to remain dry during rain or snow. Animals may be kept outdoors only if contained in a fenced enclosure sufficient for purposes of restraint.
 - (4) When the atmospheric temperature is less than fifty degrees Fahrenheit (50°F), an animal shall be kept indoors at a temperature no less than fifty degrees Fahrenheit (50°F), except for temporary ventures which do not endanger the animals health.
 - (5) An effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained where a problem.
 - (6) Animals shall be fed and watered at least once a day, except as otherwise might be required to provide adequate veterinary care. The food shall be free from contamination, wholesome, palatable and of sufficient quality and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animal. Food receptacles shall be accessible to the animal and shall be located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. Feeding pans shall be durable and kept clean. The food receptacles shall be cleaned daily. Disposable food receptacles may be used, but must be discarded after each feeding. Self feeders may be used for the feeding of dry food and they shall be sanitized as needed, but at least once per week, to prevent molding, deterioration or caking of feed.

- (7) Animals may not be permitted to exceed one hundred (100) pounds in weight.
 - (8)** Animals shall be examined by a veterinarian within a period of sixty (60) days prior **to** a new license application being filed. The animal may be licensed only upon a written statement from a veterinarian as to:
 - a. The animal's weight.
 - b. The animal has received all recommended vaccinations and boosters.
 - c. The animal **is** asymptomatic respecting disease or **has** a disease which is not contagious and is receiving appropriate treatment.
 - d. The animal's tusks, if any, have been removed or trimmed so as not to endanger any person or animal.
 - e. The animal has passed a pseudorabies test administered in accordance with application state regulations.
 - (9)** The animal shall not be permitted to run at large. "Run at large" shall mean the presence of an animal which is not on a leash of six (6) feet or less on any public property or thoroughfare or on any private property. An animal may be unleashed on private property, with the permission of the property owner, in a fenced enclosure sufficient for purposes of restraint. Animals which are not leashed in a motor vehicle shall not be deemed to "run at large" if secured in a manner as will prevent their escape therefrom.
 - (10) Animals shall not be kept in a manner as to disturb the peace of the neighborhood or of persons passing to and from upon the streets.
- (e) Suspension, Revocation or Denial of Renewal of License.** The Village President or Chief of Police shall have the right to suspend or revoke any license once granted or deny annual renewal thereof when it appears that any license has violated any of the provisions of this Section, or any ordinance of the Village, or law, rule or regulation of the State of Wisconsin, involving cruelty or mistreatment of the animal, or the unlawful possession of the animal. Prior to the suspension or revocation of any license or the denial of an application for a renewal thereof, written notice of the reason for such action shall be given to the applicant or licensee by the officer; Such notice shall state that the applicant may pursue an appeal to the Public Safety Committee by filing a request within ten (10) days of such notice.

Sec. 7-1-24 Appeal of Abatement Order.

- (a) Any person who receives an abatement order under any provision of this Chapter may file an appeal to be heard by the Public Safety Committee of the Village Board. Any request for an appeal must be filed in writing with the Village Administrator within ten (10) days of the date of receiving such order.
- (b) The Committee shall meet within ten (10) days of receiving the Notice of Appeal and shall render its decision within ten (10) days of the hearing.

Sec. 7-1-25 Penalties.

- (c) Any person violating Sections 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23 or 7-1-24 shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). This Section shall also permit the Village Attorney to apply to the court of competent jurisdiction for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating any aspect of this Chapter.
- (d) (1) Anyone who violates Sections 7-1-1, 7-1-2, 7-1-3, 7-1-4 and 7-1-5 of this Code of Ordinances or Chapter 174, Wis. Stats., shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense and not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for any subsequent offenses.
- (2) An owner who refuses to comply with an order issued under Section 7-1-5 to deliver an animal to an officer, isolation facility or veterinarian or who does not comply with the conditions of an order that an animal be quarantined shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days or both.
- (e) Any person who violates Sections 7-1-6 through 7-1-10 of this Code of Ordinances shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first violation and not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Two Thousand Five Dollars (\$2,500.00) for subsequent violations.
- (f) **Each** day that a violation of this Chapter continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Any dog found to be the subject of a violation of this Section shall be subject to immediate seizure, impoundment and removal from the Village by Village officials in the event the owner or keeper of the dog fails to remove the dog from the Village. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this Chapter shall pay all expenses including shelter, food, handling and veterinary care necessitated by the enforcement of this Chapter.