

TOWN OF MEENON

BURNETT COUNTY

WEBSTER, WISCONSIN 54893

ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOG CONTROL

No. 3-88

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Meenon, Burnett County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 - TITLE

This ordinance shall be named the Dog Control Ordinance, any previous ordinances enacted by the Town of Meenon in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

In this ordinance, unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- a) "Owner" shall mean any person owning, harboring, or keeping a dog and the occupant of any premises on which a dog remains or to which the dog customarily returns daily for a period of ten days, is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this section.
- b) "At Large" shall mean to be off the premises of the owner and not under control of some person either by leash or other physical means of restraining a dog, but a dog within an automobile of it's owner or in an automobile of any person with the consent of the dog's owner shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.
- c) "Officer" shall mean a designated officer appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Meenon to enforce this ordinance,

SECTION 3 - GENERAL LICENSING OF DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person in the Town of Meenon to own, harbor, or keep, any dog more than six months of age without complying with Chapter 174 of Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 4 - RESTRICTIONS ON KEEPING OF DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Town of Meenon to own, harbor, or keep any dog which:

- a) Is at large within the Town of Meenon;
- b) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street or highway in the Town of Meenon;
- c) Assaults or attacks any person, off the premises of the owner(s);
- d) Habitually barks or howls to reasonable annoyance of any person(s);
- e) Kills, wounds, or worries any domestic animal, or live stock;
- f) Is over six months of age, and has not been issued a valid license under the provisions of this ordinance and/or Chapter 174 of the Wisconsin State Statutes;
- g) Is known by the owner to be infected with rabies or have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies, and said owner fails to quarantine the dog as required by Sec. 95.21, Wisconsin Stat.

SECTION 5 - INCORPORATION OF RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

Sec. 95.21 of Wisconsin Statutes is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance. Any provisions of this ordinance shall be read in conjunction with the Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 95.21, however, it is the intent to make this ordinance more restrictive pursuant to Section 95.21(9) of Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 6 - NUMBER OF DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than two dogs over six months of age in any area of the Town of Meenon unless a kennel permit has been issued both by the County of Burett and the Town of Meenon under this ordinance.

SECTION 7 - KENNEL PERMITS

The Town Board of the Town of Meenon shall grant kennel permits upon approval of the Town Board, after being properly presented to the Board in advance.

SECTION 8 - PENALTY

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) together with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the county jail until costs and forfeitures are paid, but not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offence.

SECTION 9 - EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting as provided by law. The foregoing ordinance was adopted at Special Meeting of the Town Board of Meenon Township on the 28th day of June, 1988. Final signatures of Town Board at a regular meeting held on July 12, 1988.

Wallace J. Benson
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