

## ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS

### Section 1: Statute Adoption.

A. The provisions of Chapter 174 Wis. Stats. (2009-2010) are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference.

B. No person shall own, harbor, or keep any dog more than five months of age without complying with the provisions of 174.05 through 174.10, Wis. Stats., relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same and the provisions of the ordinance.

**Section 2: Compliance Required.** Any person who owns or harbors a dog in the Town of Tilden shall comply with Chapter 174, Wis. Stats., and with the provisions of this ordinance and in particular, shall license their dog.

A. A late fee of \$25 shall be collected from every dog owner of a dog 5 months of age or over if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 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. All late fees received or collected shall be paid into the local treasury as revenue of the town.

**Section 3: Dog License required.** License fees shall be submitted to the Town Treasurer before January 31 of the current license year. The annual license fee shall be set by the county.

### Section 4: Impounding Dogs.

A. Dogs to be impounded. Unlicensed dogs running at large in the Town shall be seized and impounded in kennels designated from time to time by the Town Board.

B. Notice to Owner. As soon as practical after a dog has been impounded, notice shall be given to the owner, if ascertainable, in the manner designated by the Town Board.

C. Redeeming of Impounded Dogs. The owner of an impounded dog shall pay the kennel to whom the dog was delivered a boarding fee for each day or fraction thereof that a dog is impounded. The kennel shall establish the boarding fee based on the actual average daily cost for boarding and caring for the dog.

D. Disposing of Impounded Dogs. If an impounded dog is not redeemed within seven (7) days, the kennel may dispose of the dog in a proper and humane manner or may sell or give away the dog to any person under such circumstances as the Town Board shall designate. All receipts from the sale of impounded dogs shall likewise be turned over to the Town Treasurer and accounted for monthly.

### Section 5: Vaccination.

A. Rabies Control. Every owner of a dog 5 months of age or greater shall have his or her animal inoculated with an anti-rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. A tag denoting that the dog received its vaccination shall be firmly attached to its collar.

B. Exceptions. No dog shall require the vaccination if a licensed veterinarian has examined the animal and certified that at such time vaccination would endanger its health because of age, infirmity, debility, illness or other medical consideration. Such exempt animal shall be vaccinated as soon as health permits.

C. Vaccinations. Every owner of a dog shall have his dog revaccinated within one year of the initial vaccination and thereafter within every three (3) years.

D. Rabid Dog.

(1) Any person who suspects that any dog in the Town is infected with rabies shall report his or her suspicion to the Chippewa county Sheriff Department, describing the dog and giving the name of the owner, if know. Any person who shall observe that a dog has bitten any person shall give a similar report to the Chippewa County Sheriff Department.

(2) The Chippewa County Sheriff s Department or Town Constable shall investigate reports of alleged rabid dogs and if there appears a reasonable possibility that the dog is infected with rabies or has bitten a person, the Sheriff Department or Constable shall seize the dog and cause it to be confined at the place designated by the veterinarian appointed by the Town Board for such period as the veterinarian shall deem necessary to determine if the dog is infected with rabies.

#### **Section 6: Bites by Domestic Animals.**

A. Report. Any person bitten or scratched by any animal shall report the fact within 12 hours to a physician and the Chippewa County Sheriff Department. As used in this section "animal" shall include but not be limited to dogs.

B. Quarantine. A domestic dog that bites a person shall be captured, confined and observed for 10 days by a veterinarian or at an animal shelter at the expense of the owner.

#### **Section 7: Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs.**

A. Not to Run at Large. ~~No person owning or harboring a dog shall permit it to run at large within the Town. A dog shall not be considered at large when on a leash not over six (6) feet in length or when the dog remains solely on the property of the owner.~~

**Not run at Large.** No person owning or harboring a dog shall permit it to run at large within the Town of Tilden. A dog shall not be considered at large when on a leash, chain, rope, cord or like material, or an electronic device or when the dog remains solely on the property of the owner. Dogs that are engaged in hunting are regulated by the State of Wisconsin.

B. Vicious Dogs Prohibited. No person shall harbor a vicious dog within the Town of Tilden. A dog is vicious within the meaning of this paragraph with a propensity to attack or bite people as evidenced by at least (2) two incidents of attacks upon or biting of people within a twelve (12) month period reported to the Sheriff's Department or constable.

C. Noisy Dogs Prohibited. No person shall own or harbor a dog that barks or howls so that the peace and quiet of the neighborhood is disturbed.

D. Abandonment. No person may abandon any animal at any location in the Town.

E. Female Animals in Season. Any female dog in season shall be kept in a building or secure kennel.

F. Clean up. No person shall allow or permit any animal owned by him or her to defecate upon the property not owned by him or her or without such other property owner=s consent or upon any public property without immediately removing and properly disposing of the feces.

G. Injured Animals.

1. Medical Attention. No person who owns, harbors or keeps any animal shall fail to provide proper medical attention to such animal when such animal becomes injured. If the owner of an injured animal cannot be located, the Town or any animal control agency with which the Town has an agreement, shall have the authority to take custody of such animal for the purpose of providing it with medical treatment and the owner thereof shall be responsible for reimbursement of medical costs.

2. Accidents. The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any domestic animal shall stop such vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible and, if possible, remove the animal to the side of the roadway and notify the Sheriffs Department or Constable.

H. Commercial Kennel. Anything to house or contain animals must comply and maintain with a (15) foot setback from property line.

**Section 7: Liability.** The Town and/or its designated agents shall not be liable to any person for the death, destructions, injury or disease caused to any animal that has been impounded pursuant to this section.

**Section 8: Penalty.** See Chapter 2