VILLAGE OF GENOA CITY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-O-11 CHAPTER 101 ANIMALS AMENDMENT

The Village Board of Genoa City, Walworth and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin does

Hereby ordain as follows:

1. Subsections **101-1 Definitions, 102-2 License required. Paragraph H., 101-4 Regulation of dogs/cats/poultry, paragraphs A. vicious dogs and B. Violation of animal restriction (3) and (4); 101-7 Duty of Owner in case of dog/cat bite and 101-10 Keeping of animals and poultry, paragraphs A. Sanitary requirements. B. Animals excluded from food establishments, C. Limitations in or adjacent to residential areas; and D. Poultry per residential lot of CHAPTER 101, ANIMALS** if the Municipal Code of the Village of Genoa City, Wisconsin are hereby amended to read as follows:

101-1 Definitions:

AT LARGE—To be off the premises/residence of the owner and not under the control of some person by leash. Off premises includes the sidewalk open to the public adjacent to the animal owner's property, commonly referred to as the terrace.

HEN is eliminated.

Poultry – Includes live chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl, partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans, and turkeys (in accordance with the definition form the U.S. Department of Agriculture website –aphis.usda.gov)

SERVICE ANIMAL—In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Under Wisconsin's law, a qualifying service animal may be any animal if it is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability. Regarding emotional support, therapy, comfort or companion animals, because they have not been trained to perform a specific job or task, they do not qualify as service animals under the ADA or Wisconsin Law (source: ADA.gov and docs.legis.wisconsin.gov).

101-2. License required. H. Notwithstanding the foregoing, every service dog is exempt from the dog license tax and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license, upon providing proof of vaccination, from the Village Clerk-Treasurer upon application.

101-4 Regulation of dogs/cats/ poultry.

A. Vicious dogs. A dog is deemed vicious if it is one who inflicts unjustified, serious injury—or poses an imminent threat of unjustified, serious aggression—toward people or other animal(s). Prior documented, founded complaints from another jurisdiction shall be factored in when determining if a dog is to be considered vicious.

B. Violation of animal restrictions.

(3) All dogs, cats or other animals (including poultry) within the limits of the Village SHALL be on a leash and under the control of the owner or caretaker if not on the animal owner's private property. If unleashed on the animal owner's private property, the unleashed dog/cat/or other animal must always remain on that property. All dogs/cats/other animals on any sidewalk adjacent to the animal owner's property and the terrace must be on a leash.

(4) Habitually barks or howls (dogs) or clucks/crows/quacks etc. (poultry) to the annoyance of any person or persons. The keeping of howling, barking and whining dogs or clucking, crowing or quacking poultry to the continuous annoyance and discomfort of surrounding neighbors, so that their rest is broken, sleep interrupted, and the reasonable use and enjoyment of their property is disturbed is a nuisance.

101-7 Duty of owner in case of dog/cat bite. Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog/cat who knows such dog/cat has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact to the Village of Genoa City Police Department. The Village of Genoa City requires dog/cat owners, following an incident where a dog/cat bites a person, that the offending dog/cat be quarantined per Wisconsin Statute 95.21(5) and the owner must comply with the terms of a full quarantine as set forth therein. An officer may also order a dog/cat to be quarantined if suspected of being exposed to a rabid animal, and if so ordered, the owner must comply. Furthermore, Wisconsin State Statute 95.21(10)(b) states the following: An owner who refuses to comply with an order issued under this section to deliver the 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 $100 nor more than $1,000. This subsection 101-7 is adopted by the Village of Genoa City with the intent to be synonymous with the Wisconsin State Statutes regarding animal health Chapter 95.

101-10 Keeping animals and poultry.

A. Sanitary requirements. Substitute the word poultry for fowl.

B. Animals excluded from food-handling establishments. No person shall take or permit to remain any dog, cat or other animal on or upon any premises where food is sold, offered for sale or processed for consumption by the public. Exceptions are service animals.

C. Limitations in or adjacent to residential areas. Substitute the word poultry for fowl.

D. Poultry per residential lot. Substitute the word poultry for chickens (female hens) and fowl.

2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication as required by section 6.78, Wis. Stats.

VILLAGE OF GENOA CITY

BY: K. Parker

KENNETH PARKER, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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JACKIE PETRITIS, CLERK TREASURER

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