

Town of Boulder Junction
Ordinance #3-1994
Control and Licensing of Dogs

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Board of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin, to adopt the following ordinance for the control and licensing of all dogs within said town:

Section I *Licenses*

- A. An annual license shall be required for each dog over six months of age. Such license shall be valid from January 1 to December 31 of each year, and shall be renewed upon expiration. Owners of dogs shall make application for licenses to the Town Treasurer by January 31 of each year. After this date, owners of dogs who have not made such application shall be deemed to be in violation of this ordinance.
- B. *Owner* refers to anyone who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog on his premises.
- C. The annual license fee shall be \$3.00 for each neutered male and spayed female, and \$8.00 for each unneutered male and unspayed female.
- D. Bona fide evidence of rabies inoculation for each dog shall be presented before any license is issued.

Section II *Dogs Prohibited*

No person shall own, harbor, or keep:

- A. Any dog which habitually pursues vehicles upon the public streets.
- B. Any dog which assaults or attacks persons.
- C. Any dog which runs at large within the town. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when it is on any public street or any premises within the town other than the premises of its owner, unless it is under the complete control and within the immediate presence of its owner or a competent designee of the owner.
- D. Any unlicensed dog.

Section III *Dogs Infected with Hydrophobia*

- A. A designated officer may kill or impound any dog which he believes, from the appearance or conduct of such dog, to be infected with hydrophobia or rabies.
- B. Persons believing that a certain dog is infected with such disease shall report this to designated officers. Designated officers shall have the authority to seize such dog for examination by health authorities, and, if the dog is found to be infected with such disease, it shall be destroyed.
- C. No person shall knowingly harbor or keep any dog infected with hydrophobia or rabies, or any dog known to have been bitten by a dog known to have been infected with such disease. No person shall fail to report to the designated officers the existence of a dog which he knows to be infected with such disease.

Section IV *Dogs Which Bite Persons*

- A. Any person who knows that a dog has bitten any other person shall report such fact to designated officers or health officer.
- B. The owner or keeper of such dog shall immediately confine said dog for a period of at least 14 days thereafter, and shall not release such dog except with the written approval of the health officer.
- C. Any such dog shall be surrendered to designated officers on demand.

Section V *Dogs at Large, Unlicensed Dogs*

- A. No dog shall run at large, as defined in Section II(C) of this ordinance. Any person may seize any unlicensed or licensed dog running at large on his premises, for the purpose of holding such dog until a designated officer assumes control of such dog.

- B. A dog that does not have a bona fide license tag attached to its collar shall be presumed to be unlicensed. If owner of such dog can be determined, designated officers may issue such owner a citation subject to Section VII of this ordinance.

Section VI *Impounding of Dogs*

- A. Designated officers may have impounded, at the Town's designated and official establishment or kennels, any dog found to be in violation of Section II of this ordinance.
- B. Owners of dogs so impounded may reclaim said dogs upon payment of a fee of \$20.00 to the Town Treasurer, payable at the Town Office, and, upon further payment of boarding fees incurred by the establishment of impounding.
- C. Impounded dogs which are not reclaimed within a period of seven days shall be declared available for adoption, or shall be destroyed in a humane manner. If the owner of any dog so destroyed can be determined, such owner shall be charged with the costs of euthanasia, in addition to applicable fees outlined in subsection (B) of this Section of this ordinance.
- D. If ownership of impounded dog cannot be determined, the Town of Boulder Junction shall guarantee payment of boarding fees to a maximum of seven days, and also cost of euthanasia, if applicable. Daily rate for boarding fees shall be determined by annual contract with the designated establishment of impounding.

Section VII *Violation of Ordinance*

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense, and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

Section VII *Designated Officers*

- A. For the purpose of this ordinance, designated officers may be any duly elected Town Constable, or duly appointed Police Officer, or Dog Catcher of Town of Boulder Junction.
- B. Such officers shall be charged with the enforcement of this ordinance; and shall be responsible for any notification required when a dog is to be destroyed or disposed of, or when a dog is impounded for any reason as set forth in this ordinance.

Section IX *Previous Ordinance*

Upon adoption of this ordinance, Ordinance #1-80, as adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Boulder Junction on March 31, 1980, is rescinded.

Section X *Validity*

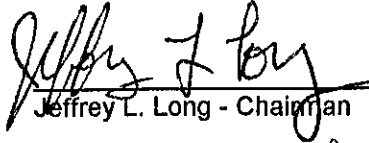
Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

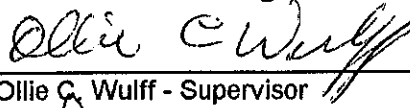
Section XI *Effect*

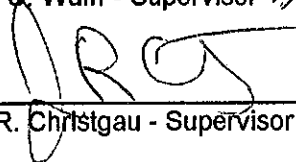
This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and posting as required by law.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

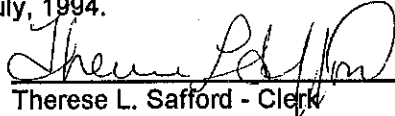
The Town Board of Boulder Junction


Jeffrey L. Long - Chairman


Ollie C. Wulff - Supervisor


Jay R. Christgau - Supervisor

I, Therese L. Safford, Clerk of Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an ordinance which was adopted by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Boulder Junction on the 19th day of July, 1994.


Therese L. Safford - Clerk