

Town of Phelps
Ordinance No. 2012-3
Dog License Ordinance

Every person, pursuant to Chapter 174, Wisconsin Statutes, and this ordinance, residing in the Town of Phelps, who owns a dog that on January 1 is at least (5) months old, shall annually at the time and in the manner prescribed by law for the payment of personal property taxes, seek and obtain a dog license which shall be established annually by the Town Board of the Town of Phelps prior to January 1. The fee is noted in Wisconsin Statutes 174.05 (2). The license shall be from January 1 through December 31. Late fees shall be charged by the Town of Phelps if the license is not purchased by April 1 or if not purchased within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of the dog.

The application for the dog license shall include a certificate of inoculation from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog has been inoculated for rabies and distemper within two (2) years of the application. The application shall include:

- a. The name of the owner
- b. The address of the owner
- c. The business and/or residential telephone number of the owner, if any
- d. The current records of the owner
- e. The name of the dog
- f. The sex of the dog
- g. The condition of the dog as to whether the dog is or is not spayed.

No person shall allow his or her dog or dogs to run at large in the Town of Phelps beyond the property owned or leased by that person, unless the dog is accompanied by and is under the control of the owner or another person.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times except for special conditions at special events.

Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

No person shall own or keep any dog in the Town of Phelps that:

- a. Habitually pursues vehicles on highways, roads, streets and alleys, in the Town of Phelps;
- b. Assaults or attacks physically persons in the Town of Phelps;
- c. Bites persons in the Town of Phelps;
- d. Habitually barks or habitually howls to the disturbance and annoyance of persons residing in the Town of Phelps;
- e. Remains unlicensed after warning from the Town of Phelps.

Dogs will be reported by the owner or by other person when they know that a dog has bitten any person in the Town of Phelps. The report will be made to the Town Constable. The dog will be immediately confined by the owner or by any other person reporting the dog bite upon the dog

biting the person. The dog will not be released by the owner or by any other person reporting the dog bite until the Constable approves the release.

Dogs that are apprehended and ordered confined shall be kept at the Vilas County Animal Shelter by the Town of Phelps for at least seven (7) days, unless released sooner if claimed by the owner. After that time period noted herein, the dog will either be sold for inoculation, apprehension, confinement and care costs or it will be destroyed in a careful, proper and humane manner. The owner, if he or she claims the dog, shall pay the above noted costs incurred by the Town of Phelps to the Town Clerk of the Town of Phelps. If the dog is unlicensed at time of apprehension, the owner shall pay a penalty of \$25 dollars (\$25.00). The owner shall post bail in the below noted amounts when reclaiming a dog:

1. 25 dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense within one (1) calendar year
2. 50 dollars (\$50.00) for the second offense within one (1) calendar year
3. 100 dollars (\$100.00) for the third offense within one (1) calendar year.

No person shall own or keep any dog in the Town of Phelps unless the dog is wearing a valid Town of Phelps license tag attached to its collar.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2012.

Colin W. Hill
Town Chairman

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