

CHAPTER VII

ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS

SECTION 7.00. Dogs Not to Run at Large. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, to permit such dog to run at large within the limits of the Town of Spring Prairie, Walworth County, Wisconsin, at any time.

SECTION 7.10. Enforcement by Constable. The enforcement of this ordinance shall be carried out by any Town Constable.

7.11. If the identity and ownership of the dog offending private property can be readily ascertained, the Constable may forthwith advise such owner of the dog's transgressions. This shall not limit the authority of the Constable to impound said dog forthwith, or to prosecute such owner as herein provided.

7.12. If the persons who own or harbor the said offending dog, contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, can be reasonably ascertained, said individual shall be notified in person or by United States mail, that said dog is impounded.

7.13. If such person owning or harboring offending dogs cannot be ascertained, then, and in that case, the Constable shall post written notice within 48 hours after said seizure and these notices shall be posted in three conspicuous places in the Town of Spring Prairie, one of which will be the bulletin board on the Town Hall. Said notice shall be dated and if the owner does not reclaim the dog within five days, Sundays excepted, then, and in that case, the dog shall be humanly dispatched.

SECTION 7.20. Release and License of Dog. Any dog impounded pursuant to this ordinance must be licensed in the Town before it can be released and the licensing shall be determined by the Town and County records. The owner claiming his dog shall be charged for its keep based upon the charge schedule then in effect.

SECTION 7.30. Penalties. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 together with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment of fine imposed, with costs, to be committed to the County Jail of Walworth County for a term not to exceed 30 days.

SECTION 7.40. Intent. It is the intention of this ordinance to protect the citizens from the ravages and damages caused by dogs, particularly those owned by people who fail to respect the rights of others. It is not the intention of this ordinance to penalize farmers or others, whose dog may for the first time and without their knowledge cause disturbance.