

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS  
RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE LIMITS  
OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, WISCONSIN.

The Village Board of the Village of Dorchester do ordain  
as follows:

SECTION 1.

(A) It shall be unlawful to own, keep or harbor a dog  
which runs at large within the limits of the Village of  
Dorchester, Wisconsin.

(B) Under the provisions of this section, a dog shall  
be considered as running at large when it is not on the  
premises of its owner, unless it is on leash or within  
the immediate presence or under the control of the owner,  
or his servant or some responsible member of his family.

(C) An owner shall include anyone owning the dog or  
keeping or harboring it.

SECTION 2.

(A) Every dog over the age of six months shall be  
licensed as required by the statutes of the State of  
Wisconsin, and a license tag shall be securely fastened  
upon a collar to be kept on the dog at all times.

(B) If at any time a dog over six months of age is  
found without a collar to which the license tag is se-  
curely fastened, it shall be deemed presumptive evidence  
that the dog is unlicensed.

SECTION 3.

(A) It shall be the duty of the chief of police or  
constable to seize and impound in the village dog pound  
any dog running at large in the village limits and for  
the purposes of catching, taxing and impounding any un-  
licensed dog, he shall have the right to pursue said  
dog upon the premises of the owner. Dogs which are  
seized shall be kept at the village pound for a period  
of three days, during which time, the owner may redeem  
his dog for the sum of Three Dollars impounding fee,  
plus One Dollar per day for the dog's keep. The owner  
of every licensed dog impounded shall be informed that  
the dog has been impounded and the three day period  
herein provided shall not commence until such notice  
has been given. After three days have elapsed and no  
owner claims said dog or pays the impounding fee plus  
the dog's keep, said dog shall be killed by shooting  
or gasing the same, or it may be sold for the amount  
of the impounding fee, plus keep.

(B) If an owner of a dog can affirmatively prove  
that the license was removed or stolen from his dog's  
collar, or that the same was removed without his know-  
ledge or the knowledge of his family, servant, he shall  
be able to redeem his dog by paying One Dollar per day  
for the keep of his dog.

(C) The village shall not be liable for the death or disease of any dog that has been impounded or the killing of any such dog after the provisions of this ordinance have been carried out.

(D) The police shall have the right to kill any mad dog at once and dispose of the carcass.

(E) The owner of any vicious dog shall keep same securely tied on his premises, away from the proximity of sidewalks, paths or alleys, and shall keep it muzzled if exercising it whether with or without leash.

(F) All femal dogs in heat, shall be kept in a securely closed building away from open doors or windows, during the periods that it is in heat. Any dog not so kept may be seized, impounded and disposed of by the police or constable according to the provisions of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 4.

Any person or persons violating any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not more than Twenty-five Dollars and the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution may be imprisoned in the county jail until payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution, but not exceeding ten days for each violation.

#### SECTION 5.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

#### SECTION 6.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

Approved:

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President.

Attest:

  
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Village Clerk.