

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RETENTION OF VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS AND TAPES.

BE IT, HEREBY, ORDAINED, by the Village Board of the Village of Dorchester, Clark County, Wisconsin, as follows:

Section 1 - Purpose. The rental of video cassette recorders and tapes has become a common practice in the Village of Dorchester and the retention of possession thereof by the renters has caused substantial losses to those engaged in the business of renting video cassette recorders and tapes. Prosecution for theft for failure to return a video cassette recorder and/or a tape as a state criminal offense is inconvenient for both law enforcement officers and prosecutors, as well as the businesses and individuals engaged in the business of renting video cassette recorders and tapes. The Village Board, therefore, believes it is in the public interest to adopt a local ordinance governing the failure to return a video cassette recorder, a video tape or both to the business or individual renting such materials.

Section 2 - Nature of the Offense. Whoever fails to return any personal property which is in his or her possession or under his or her control by virtue of a written or oral lease or written or oral rental agreement, within ten days after the written or oral lease or written or oral rental agreement has expired.

Section 3 - Penalty. Whoever violates the provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance shall forfeit not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$100.00, plus the statutory costs. In addition to the forfeiture, a court may require reimbursement to the lessor for the normal rental charges during the time that the video cassette recorder or tape, or both, is in the possession or under the control of the renter.

Section 4 - Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5 - Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Adopted and approved this 7th day of June, 1995.

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

By James Jantsch
James Jantsch, President

Attest Judy Robida
Judy Robida, Clerk

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