

Village of Howard

Animal Control

ANIMALS AND POULTRY NOT TO RUN AT LARGE

No person having in his possession or under his control any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the Village. "At large" means an animal is off the premises of its owner and upon any public street or alley, school grounds, public park or other public grounds or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the property, provided an animal shall not be deemed to be at large if the following provisions apply:

- (1) It is attached to a leash not more than 10 feet in length which is of sufficient strength to restrain the animal and the leash is held by a person competent to govern the animal and prevent it from annoying or worrying pedestrians or trespassing on private property or trespassing on public property where such animals are forbidden.
- (2) It is properly restrained within a motor vehicle.
- (3) It is engaged in the act of hunting or training for show, field trial or obedience trial purposes, in control of its owner or his agent competent to govern such animal at such distance, and not annoying or worrying pedestrians or trespassing on private property or trespassing on public property where such animals are forbidden.
- (4) No person having in their possession or under their control any animal or fowl, shall allow the same to threaten to attack individuals who are passing or present on public/private walkways or property unless restrained by a solid fence sufficient to contain the animal or fowl.





ANIMAL CONTROL (poop scoop)

It is unlawful for any person who has custody of a dog, cat, or other animal to defecate upon any property other than that of its owner or custodian unless the custodian immediately thereafter cleans up and removes such animal excreta from such property.

No person who has custody of a dog, cat, or other animal shall walk or escort such animal off the property of the owner or custodian unless the person is in possession of equipment to clean up any defecation which may be deposited by such animal.

No owner or person in custody of an animal shall permit accumulation of such animal's manure, so as to create a health and/or odor nuisance on their own property. This prohibition would not apply to agricultural use of properties in the Exclusive Agricultural (A-1) and Rural/Estate Residential (R-5) zoning districts.

LICENSING OF DOG/CATS

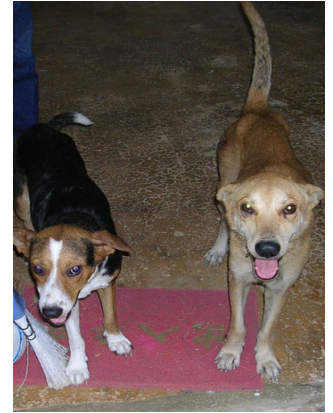
A) Regulation and Licensing of Dogs and Cats Required It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village to own, harbor or keep any dog more than 5 months of age without complying with the provisions of Sections 174.09, Wis. Stats. relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same. There is hereby imposed a Village dog license tax, payable to the Village Clerk which includes a dog license tax imposed under Section 174.05(2) and (3), Wis. Stats. and it shall be unlawful for any person in the Village to own, harbor or keep any cat without listing, licensing and tagging of the same. An annual dog and cat license tax shall be paid in the amount of:

- \$5.00 for sprayed or neutered dog or cat
- \$20.00 for others
- One-half the license tax for dogs or cats becoming 5 months of age after July 1 per year for all dogs required to be licensed under the Wisconsin Statutes.



NUMBER OF DOGS PER HOUSEHOLD LIMITED

No person, except a kennel license, shall own, harbor or keep more than 2 dogs that are more than 5 months of age except in a place or places where animals are impounded or restrained, as specified in this section. If a total of more than 2 dogs are owned, harbored or kept in or by any one household, the head of the household shall be deemed the person so owning, harboring or keeping such dogs, notwithstanding that the dog license or licenses may be issued to other members of the household as owners of such animals.



EXOTIC OR WILD ANIMALS

No person may keep any lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, Canada lynx, bobcat, hyena, coyote, alligator, poisonous snake or eagle, or other like dangerous wild animal, reptile, bird or creature in any place within the Village other than in a safely and properly maintained zoological park, circus, scientific or educational institution, research laboratory, veterinary hospital, designated pound or animal refuge, or in a well-secured vehicle, while being transported without delay to or from any such authorized place or through the Village at any time without being safely and properly maintained as authorized under any of the foregoing is declared to be a public nuisance and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. It shall be no defense that the keeper of any such animal contrary to the provisions hereof has attempted to domesticate same.

HOWLING DOGS

No person shall own, keep, harbor or have in his possession any dog within the Village which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking or other disturbing noise, individually or together offend the peace and quiet of persons of ordinary sensibilities, thereby causing a serious disturbance to persons or to the neighborhood. Each day that such disturbance continues or occurs shall be a separate offense.



12.091 KEEPING OF VICIOUS DOGS REGULATED

(Cr. Ord #88-20).

(1) **DEFINITIONS.** The terms used in this section are defined as follows:

(a) **Vicious Dog.**

1. Any dog with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other domestic animals as evidenced by its habitual or repeated chasing or snapping, or barking and/or snarling in a threatening manner.
2. Any dog which attacks a human being or another domestic animal without provocation.
3. Any dog owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog-fighting, or any dog trained for dog-fighting.

(Rep. Ord. #89-3).

VICIOUS DOGS

The Animal Control/Humane Officer shall investigate every dog complaint and make a determination as to whether or not such dog is "vicious," as defined in sub. (1) above. In the event the Animal Control/Humane Officer makes a determination that a dog is "vicious," he/she shall so inform the owner, keeper or harborer of such dog and provide such person with a copy of this section.

Requirements and restrictions for keeping dogs designated vicious can be found in 12.091 of the Howard Municipal Code.

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[http://www.villageofhoward.com/
e-government.cfm#animalcontrol](http://www.villageofhoward.com/e-government.cfm#animalcontrol)

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding animals to the Animal Control/Humane Officer, Monica Hoff, at 819-6709.



RISING TO NEW HEIGHTS