

Town of Sugar Creek

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DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE, TOWN OF SUGAR CREEK WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Town Board of the Town of Sugar Creek, Walworth County, Wisconsin do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I

For the purpose of this Ordinance, "owner" shall include any person who owns, harbors or keeps a dog.

SECTION II

No owner of any dog or dogs in the Town of Sugar Creek, Walworth County, Wisconsin, shall permit such dogs to run at large within said Town except on such owner's premises or in his immediate presence and under his effective control.

Any dog that may be found within the Town of Sugar Creek, Walworth County, Wisconsin at any time not on the owner's premises or in his immediate presence and under his effective control shall be deemed to be running at large in violation of the Ordinance, and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have permitted such dog to run at large.

SECTION III

Any dog which shall be found running at large in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance may be immediately taken into custody and impounded by any police officer or deputy sheriff, or constable, or citizen within the above designated limits, and then any citizen or above stated person may call the Town Clerk/Treasurer or the Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, Inc.

SECTION IV

Any dog taken into custody pursuant to the Ordinance shall be impounded in a suitable place to be provided by the Town not to exceed seven (7) days, or in accordance with the Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, Inc. regulations. The release of any dog so impounded shall be conditioned upon the minimum penalty imposed hereby or such penalty as may be imposed by constituted authority hereunder together with costs and cost of maintenance of such dog while so impounded, and any dog not released within such seven (7) day period, shall be summarily

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disposed of at the discretion of the Town Board.

SECTION V

The keeping of howling, barking and whining dogs to the continuous annoyance and discomfort of surrounding neighbors, so that their rest is broken, sleep interrupted, and the reasonable use and enjoyment of their property disturbed, is a nuisance, and in violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI

The owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the dog license tax and obtain a license.

Any person who harbors from 1 to 20 dogs for the purpose of breeding or sporting shall apply for a kennel license. To qualify, a kennel must have a dog run and shelter for each animal.

Application for a dog license shall be made to the Town Treasurer or Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, Inc. and a dog license tax shall be paid by the applicant according to the following schedule:

Altered (spayed) female	\$15.00
Altered (neutered) male	15.00
Unaltered female	25.00
Unaltered male	25.00
Kennel License	35.00

SECTION VII

Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, Inc. is involved in the adoption or redemption of numerous dogs, it is their policy to inform dog owners of the licensing requirements, but many owners fail to comply.

Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, Inc. and its authorized employees are hereby designated as Collecting Officials under Section 174.065 of the Wisconsin Statutes, with full authority to issue dog licenses and collar tags pursuant to Section 174.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Lakeland Animal Welfare Society, Inc., shall remit all license fees and license blanks to the Town Treasurer as directed.

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SECTION VIII

Dog owners in Wisconsin are reminded that all dogs must be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after reaching the age of four months. Failure to comply with the provision of the law can result in the animal's owner being fined \$50.00 per animal.

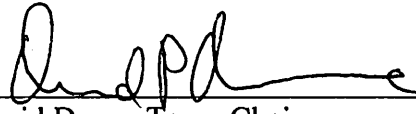
SECTION IX

Any person who shall violate the provisions of the Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 for the first offense and not less than \$50.00 for each successive violation, and in default of payment, shall be committed to the County Jail until the fine and costs are paid not exceeding seven (7) days.

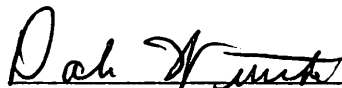
SECTION X

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on passage and publishing pursuant to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Sugar Creek, Walworth County, Wisconsin, the 17th day of November, 2014



David Duwe, Town Chairman




Dale Wuttke, Supervisor I



David Robers, Supervisor II

Attest:



Diane Boyd, Town Clerk