

Ordinance No. 302

Ordinance pertaining to the regulation, control, and inoculation of dogs.

Be it ordained by the President and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Greenview, Menard County, Illinois:

Section I. Definitions.

"At Large", shall mean off the premises of the owner or custodian of the dog, and not under the immediate control of the owner or custodian.

"County Board", means the County Board of Menard County, Illinois.

"Department of Agriculture", means the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois.

"Dog", means all members of the family canidae.

"Inoculation Against Rabies", means the injection of an antirabies vaccine approved by the Department of Agriculture.

"Leash", means a cord, rope, strap or chain which shall be securely fastened to a collar or harness of a dog and shall be of sufficient strength to keep such dog under control.

"Owner", means any person having a right of property in a dog or who keeps or harbors a dog, or who has a dog in his care, or acts as it's custodian, or who knowingly permits a dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

"Pound", means any facility approved by the County Board or the President and Village Board of Trustees for the purpose of enforcing the Animal Control Act of the State of Illinois and used as a shelter for seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, or unchained dogs.

"Restraint". A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this Ordinance if he is controlled by a leash; at "heel" beside a responsible person, or obedient to that person's commands; within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of his owner or custodian.

Section 2. Dogs to be inoculated and to have tags affixed to collars.

Each calendar year, or at such intervals as may hereafter be promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, every owner or custodian of a dog four months or more of age shall cause such dog to be inoculated against rabies. Such owner or custodian of such dog shall cause a serially numbered tag evidencing such inoculation to be attached to a collar or harness worn by the dog.

Section 3. Inoculation to be performed by licensed veterinarian
Issuance of certificate.

The inoculation of dogs required by Section 2 shall be performed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice his profession in this state. Upon performing such inoculation, such veterinarian shall issue

to the owner or custodian a certificate showing such fact and shall also deliver to such owner or custodian a metallic or other suitable tag to be attached to the collar or harness of such dog, which tag shall also certify to the fact of inoculation against rabies.

Section 4. Duration of inoculation.

The inoculation performed under the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be effective until the expiration of the calendar year in which the vaccination was performed or the expiration of such period of time as may be promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, as evidenced by the certificate of the veterinarian.

Section 5. Specifications for tag.

The tag issued under the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Department of Agriculture.

Section 6. Exhibition of certificate upon request.

At any reasonable time upon request of any member of the Police Department, the owner or custodian of any unmuzzled dog shall exhibit his certificate, issued under the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance, showing the inoculation against rabies of any dog owned or controlled by him.

Section 7. Restraint of dogs.

The owner or custodian of a dog shall keep the dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog to be at large, off the premises of the property of the owner or custodian, unless the dog is under complete control as defined in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Impoundment of dogs running at large or unlicensed dogs; citation of owner or custodian.

(A) It shall be the duty of officers of the Police Department of this Village to take up and impound, in such place as may be designated and set apart for that purpose by the County Board or the President and Village Board of Trustees, any dog found running at large or unlicensed in the Village contrary to any of the provisions of this Chapter or other Ordinances of the Village.

(B) When dogs are found running at large or unlicensed and their ownership is known to the police officers, such dogs may be impounded at the pound maintained by the County Board or the President and Village Board of Trustees, at the discretion of such police officers, but the police officers shall cite the owner of such dog to answer charges of violation of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Notice and citation to owner or custodian of impoundment

In case of impounding, and where the owner or custodian of such dog is disclosed by any tax or license tag worn by it, or is otherwise known to the officers impounding same, the Police Department shall at once give notice by mail to such owner or keeper, informing him of the impounding of his dog and shall cite the owner or custodian of such dog to answer charges of violation of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Redemption of impounded dogs.

Any dog impounded under the provisions of this Ordinance shall, unless sooner redeemed, be held for the period of seven days in order to afford opportunity to the owner or custodian thereof to redeem the same. Any such owner or custodian desiring to redeem his impounded dog shall pay the ordinary impounding fee, and also the cost of keeping such dog to the Village Clerk.

In case such dog has not been inoculated against rabies for the current year, such owner shall also advance the fee required to have such dog inoculated by a duly licensed veterinarian as he shall elect and the poundkeeper shall forthwith cause the dog to be duly inoculated against rabies. No dog shall be released without having been inoculated for the current calendar year, or in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Agriculture. Upon payment of the required charges, the dog shall thereupon be released to the owner or custodian.

Section 11. Dogs deemed nuisances.

Any dog which may in any manner continually disturb the quiet of any persons or neighborhoods, or shall destroy or in any manner injure any animal, plant, shrub, or other property not on the premises if its owner or custodian, is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and such dog may be taken up and impounded and may be redeemed in the manner provided in Section 10.

Section 12. Destruction of unredeemed dogs.

Any impounded dog which shall not be redeemed within seven days may be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the poundkeeper.

Section 13. Duties of Chief of Police.

It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police of this Village to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 14. Severance clause.

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 15. Penalty

Any owner or custodian of a dog who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 for each offense.

Section 16. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect, ten days after its passage and publication, in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

PASSED this 3rd day of July, A.D. 1978.

Joseph L. Pasovic
Village Clerk

APPROVED:

James E. Chase
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ATTEST:

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