

TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE #11 KEEPING OF DOGS
SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the current provisions of Ordinance #11 Keeping of Dogs. To see the original ordinance and amendments please see the next pages.

Restrictions on keeping of dogs:

No person within the Town of Knowlton shall own, harbor or keep any dog which:

- Assaults or attacks any person; dogs which are considered highly vicious must be incarcerated in some type of cyclone or heavy wired fence no less than 7ft high
- Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal
- Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or have been bitten by any animal known to have infected with rabies

Limits on number of dogs:

- Up to 4 dogs are allowed on a parcel less than 10 acres
- Up to 12 dogs are allowed on a parcel of 10 or more acres
- No kennel licenses are allowed
- All dogs must live on the same parcel of property that the licensee and/or owner resides on

Penalties:

- \$40 minimum, \$100 maximum per violation, each day a violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

License Fees: due annually by April 1st

- Male - \$25
- Neutered Male - \$20
- Female - \$25
- Spayed Female - \$20
- Puppies ½ the above amounts if dog becomes 5 months of age after July 1st of the license year
- Late fee of \$25 after April 1st
- Owner must provide proof of rabies vaccination, Fines of \$50 - \$100 for failure to have your dog vaccinated

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TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO. 11

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE KEEPING OF DOGS

The Town Board, town of Knowlton, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 11 entitled "Restrictions on the Keeping of Dogs" of the Town of Knowlton, Marathon County, Wisconsin, is hereby created as follows:

RESTRICTIONS ON THE KEEPING OF DOGS

No person within the Town of Knowlton shall own, harbor or keep any dog which:

- (a) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the town;
- (b) Assaults or attacks any person;
- (c) Is at large within the limits of the Town of Knowlton;
- (d) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons;
- (e) Kills, wounds, or worries any domestic animal;
- (f) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by any animal known to have been infected with rabies;

PENALTY

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof pay a forfeiture of not less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) together with costs of prosecution and in default of payment of said forfeiture and costs shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for Marathon County until said forfeiture and costs are paid but not to exceed thirty (30) days for each offense. Each day a violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2 : All ordinances of parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED: 02-12-81

APPROVED: 02-09-81 PUBLISHED: 02-12-81

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Amendment to Ordinance No. 11, AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE KEEPING OF DOGS

- (b) Dogs which are considered to be highly vicious must be incarcerated in some type of cyclone or heavy wired fence with no less than 7 ft. high.

Dated June 11, 1990

Approved: 06-11-90
Published 06-13-90
Effective: 06-13-90

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TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO ORDINANCE NO. 11
RESTRICTING THE KEEPING OF DOGS

The Town Board, Town of Knowlton, does ordain as follows:

Under PENALTIES, paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

Any dog unlicensed after April 1st of that year, or after 30 days of ownership, shall be subject to a \$25.00 fine to be forfeited to the Town Treasurer.

Dated April 8, 1996

Approved March 25, 1996

Adopted April 8, 1996

Published: April 11, 1996

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TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE #11 - 2003-1

WHEREAS, the Town of Knowlton licenses dogs within the township, providing dog owners with County issued dog tags, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knowlton presently does not charge for dog tag replacements for lost or stolen dog tags,

NOW THEREFORE, according to Wis. State Stats. 174.04, the Town Board of the Town of Knowlton does ordain a fee of \$5 (five dollars) per tag replacement to recover tag and administrative costs.

Approved this 27th day of October, 2003
Adopted on October 29, 2003

**TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
AMENDMENT #4 TO ORDINANCE #11
KEEPING OF DOGS**

EVERY PERSON, pursuant to Chap. 174, Wis. Stats., and this ordinance, residing in the Town of Knowlton who owns a dog that on Jan. 1 of any year is at least five (5) months old or five (5) months of age during the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes five (5) months of age, obtain a license for his or her dog(s). The owner must provide a certificate of inoculation for rabies within the last two years.

In the Town of Knowlton, All dogs must live on the same parcel of property that the licensee and/or landowner resides on. No more than four (4) dogs are allowed on a parcel less than ten (10) acres and up to 12 dogs are allowed on a parcel of ten (10) acres or more.

No kennel licenses are allowed in the Town of Knowlton.

This will be effective upon publishing.

Dated April 13, 2015

Approved: April 13, 2015
Adopted: April 13, 2015
Published: April 23, 2015

TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
AMENDMENT #5 TO ORDINANCE #11
KEEPING OF DOGS

EVERY PERSON, pursuant to Chap. 174, Wis. Stats., and this ordinance, residing in the Town of Knowlton who owns a dog that on Jan. 1 of any year is at least five (5) months old or five (5) months of age during the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes five (5) months of age, obtain a license for his or her dog(s). The owner must provide a certificate of inoculation for rabies within the last 2 years.

Fines of \$50 to \$100 maybe imposed for failure to have your dog(s) vaccinated.

Dogs should be licensed by April 1 of the licensing year, otherwise owners may be subject to a \$25.00 late fee.

Annual license fees are as follows:

Male - \$15

Neutered Male - \$10

Female - \$15

Spayed Female -\$10

Puppies - one half of the above amounts

if dog became 5 months of age after July 1 of the license year.

This will be effective with the dog licensing for the year 2017 and there after.

Wis. State Statutes Chap. 174.05, 174.053 & 174.07.

Dated August 8, 2016

Approved: August 8, 2016

Adopted: August 8, 2016

Published: September 22, 2016

TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
AMENDMENT #6 TO ORDINANCE #11
KEEPING OF DOGS

This amendment will repeal sections a, c and d of Ordinance 11 to allow for enforcement of the Marathon County animal control ordinance. The repealed sections a, c & d read as follows:

No person within the Town of Knowlton shall own, harbor or keep any dog which:

- a) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the town;
- c) Is at large within the limits of the Town of Knowlton
- d) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons

This will be effective upon publishing.

Approved: June 22, 2020

Adopted: June 22, 2020

Published: July 2, 2020

Attest: Alan Fochs, Clerk

Chairperson, Brian Feit
Supervisor, Kevin Brown
Supervisor, Jim Morris

TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
AMENDMENT #7 TO ORDINANCE #11
KEEPING OF DOGS

The Town of Knowlton does ordain as follows:

The following Annual Dog License Fees will replace those listed in Amendment #5 to Ordinance #11, effective for the 2026 Dog Licensing year, and there after:

Male - \$25	Neutered Male - \$20
Female - \$25	Spayed Female - \$20

This Amendment will be effective upon publishing.

Approved: November 10, 2025
Adopted: November 10, 2025
Published: November 20, 2025

Chairperson, Brian Feit
Supervisor, Kevin Brown
Supervisor, Robin Morris

Attest: Alan Fochs, Clerk