

TOWN OF MONTROSE  
DOG ORDINANCE

**AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Montrose has been authorized by resolution pursuant to s.60.10(2)(3), dated April 11, 2000, to exercise powers of a village board under s.60.22(3); and if authorized under s.60.10 (3) and

WHEREAS, s.60.22(3) provides Town Boards with authority, if authorized under s.60.10(2)©, to exercise powers relating to villages and conferred on village boards under Chapter 61 of the Wisconsin Statutes: and

WHEREAS, s.61.34(1) provides that village boards shall have the power to act for the government in good order of the village, for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public, and may carry its powers into effect by regulation, fine and other necessary or convenient means;

The MONTROSE TOWN BOARD hereby adopts the following dog license ordinance.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the ownership of dogs in the Town of Montrose

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. Licensing Requirement - All dogs over the age of 5 months must be licensed as required by Chapter 174 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Any person(s) owning a dog that is more than five (5) months of age on January 1 of any year, or five (5) months of age within the license year shall annually, or within thirty (30) days from date such dog becomes five (5) months of age, at the time and in the manner provided by law for the payment of personal property taxes, pay the dog license tax and obtain a license.
- B. License Tax -
  1. Amount to be determined by the Town Board and will include a fee differential for neutered male dog or spayed female dog and unneutered male or unspayed female dog. Dogs reaching the age of 5 month after July 1st of the license year will be taxed at one-half of current tax

schedule.

2. The Town Board may by resolution increase the amount of such license tax, but such additional tax shall not exceed the total cost of all dog licensing and regulating activities for the previous year, less any refunds which may be received pursuant to Section 174.09 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- C. License year - shall commence on January 1st and end on the following December 31st.
- D. All certified Service Dogs shall be exempt from dog license tax and every taxpayer owning such dog shall annually receive a free dog license from the Town upon application.
- E. Person(s) who own, harbor or keep more than four dogs over the age of three months within the corporate limits of the Town of Montrose may be subject to review and may be requested to apply for a kennel license.
- F. No owner of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large. Any dog found off the premises of its owner shall be deemed at large unless accompanied by and under the physical control of some competent person.
- G. The Town Constable shall work with the Dane County Humane Society to seize and impound any dog for which no license has been issued and for which one is required.

#### **KENNEL LICENSE**

Any person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of the license tax for each dog required by this ordinance, apply to the Town Board for a kennel license for the keeping or operating the kennel. The Town Board will determine a kennel license fee, which will be paid annually.

#### **VACCINATION OF DOGS REQUIRED**

- A. It shall be the duty of every dog owner to have each dog inoculated with an anti-rabic vaccine by a veterinarian. Vaccinations are to be kept current and a record of such vaccination shall be on file with the Town
- B. The veterinarian so inoculating any dog shall complete a certificate in which shall be included information as to the name and address of the owner of the dog, date of

vaccination, breed, age, color and sex of the dog.

- C. Rabies vaccination proof is required prior to issuing dog licenses effective January 1, 1981.

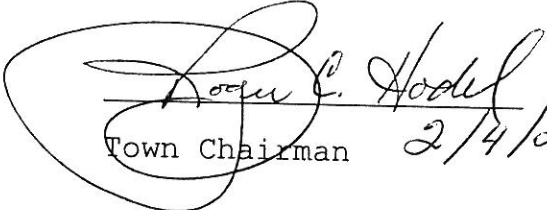
**PENALTY**

Any person violating this ordinance may be fined in accordance with the established fee schedule.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

SIGNED:

  
Town Chairman 2/4/2003

  
Town Clerk

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED:

AMENDED: