

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11-03-B

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANIMAL CODE - CHAPTER 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAKDALE, MONROE COUNTY

Chapter 4 - ANIMALS AND FOWL

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

The Village of Oakdale is a body corporate and politic that exercises village powers by Ch. 61, Wis. Stats.; and

The Village Board of the Village of Oakdale has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the Village and its residents to leave certain animal regulations, including at-large and/or vicious animals, to the jurisdiction of Monroe County and the State of Wisconsin for comprehensive investigation, prosecutorial, and enforcement of such regulations for violations.

The Village Board of the Village of Oakdale, Monroe County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

**Sec. 4-1. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Animal* means mammals, reptiles, and birds.

*Cat* means any feline, regardless of age or sex.

*Dangerous Animals* means mammals, birds or large or poisonous reptiles or amphibians with a potential to be dangerous to the safety and welfare of any person, property or domestic animal and which are not commonly kept as house pets. Examples of such dangerous animals include but are not limited to bears, lions, wolves, coyotes, cougars, tigers, panthers, apes, baboons, bison, cheetahs, jaguars, leopards, lions, lynxes, monkeys, alligators, crocodiles, large snakes and poisonous snakes, badgers, and ocelots. Dangerous animals shall also include any animal that has attacked or bitten any person when said attack or bite was unprovoked. Animals cross-bred with dangerous animals shall also be considered dangerous animals, such as animals bred from dogs and coyotes or dogs and wolves.

*Dog* means any canine, regardless of age or sex.

*Farm Animal* means any warm-blooded animal normally raised on farms in the United States and used for food or fiber.

*Law Enforcement Officer* – Except as otherwise stated in this Chapter. As defined in §967.02(5), Wis. Stat., and includes a humane officer under § 173.03, Wis. Stats, but does not include a conservation warden appointed under § 23.10, Wis. Stats.

*Livestock* means general farm animals excluding pigs.

*Neutered* means a dog or cat having nonfunctional reproductive organs.

*Owner* means any person owning, harboring, or keeping a dog or cat. The occupant of any premises on which a dog or cat remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten days is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog or cat within the meaning of this chapter.

*Running at large* means an animal that is on any of the public ways of the village or property, public or private, other than the premises of its owner, without the permission of the property owner, unless the animal is in the immediate control of the owner, his agent, or a member of his family over 12 years of age either by leash, chain or cord of not more than six feet in length.

*Vicious animal* means any animal which reasonably constitutes a physical threat to human beings or other animals by virtue of one or more attacks.

#### **Sec. 4-2. Incorporation of Wisconsin Statutes and Monroe County Animal Ordinance**

The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to the keeping of a dog in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 174 are hereby adopted, and by reference, made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set herein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by any such statute shall likewise be required under this ordinance.

**Secs. 4-3—8-22. Reserved.**

### ***ARTICLE II. ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED***

**Sec. 4-23 – At Large.** Animals running “at large” shall be considered a public nuisance. No person shall permit or allow any dog owned by or under the control of such person to go upon any premises other than the premises of the person owning or having control of the dog without the permission or consent of the owner of such other premises, unless the dog is on a leash or under the immediate control of the owner or person having control of such dog.

### ***ARTICLE III. ANIMAL DEFECATION***

**Sec. 4-24 – Defecation.** Any person who allows an animal owned or under their control to defecate on the property of another or on any public property shall cause the feces to be removed immediately. Animal waste shall also be removed from the pens and the premises on a regular basis.

### ***ARTICLE IV. INHUMANE TREATMENT***

**Sec. 4-25 – Inhumane Treatment.** No person shall be cruel or inhumane to any animal by beating, torturing, mutilating or failing to provide it with adequate food, drink, or shelter. No person shall abandon any animal within the Village.

### ***ARTICLE V. CONTROL OF RABIES***

#### **Sec. 4-26 – Rabies**

- A. **Vaccination—Required.** The owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the animal reaches five months of age. If the owner obtains the dog or cat or brings the animal into the village after the animal has reached six months of age, the owner shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after the animal is brought into the village unless the animal has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination. The owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within three years after the previous vaccination. The certificate of vaccination shall meet the requirements of Wis. Stats. § 95.21(2)

- B. **Reporting.** Any animal having rabies or suspected of having rabies, shall be reported to the Monroe County Dog Control Office and Monroe County Health Department within 24 hours by any person having knowledge or suspicion of the same. Whenever an animal shall bite a person, notice thereof shall be reported to the County Humane Officer within 24 hours, giving, if possible, the name and address of the owner of the animal and the circumstances under which the bite occurred.

## **ARTICLE VI. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS**

### **Sec. 4-27 – Limitation on number of dogs.**

- A. *Purpose and intent.* The keeping of more than three dogs, or more than three cats older than five months within the village for more than 30 days-of-time is prohibited as it detracts from, and in many instances, is detrimental to, healthful and comfortable life in such areas. The keeping of a large number of animals, therefore, is declared a public nuisance. Residents may foster an additional two dogs or two cats, with approval from the *Village Board*. If Board has approved fostering, at no time will residents be allowed to have more than five dogs or five cats over the age of five months.
- B. *Number restriction.* No owner or household shall own, harbor, or keep in its possession more than six animals over the age of five months, not to include more than three dogs, on any village lot, land, parcel, or dwelling unit if in a multiple building. This restriction shall not apply to litters of pups or kittens that may be kept for a period of time not to exceed five months from birth.
- C. Kennel licenses shall not be allowed in the Village of Oakdale.

## **ARTICLE III. ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

### **Sec. 4--30. Trapping.**

*Prohibited.* In the interest of public health and safety, it shall be unlawful for any person within the village to set, place or tend any trap for the purpose of trapping, killing, catching, or wounding any animal, except by use of live box type traps only. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "live box type traps" means traps that capture and hold an animal in an alive and unharmed condition.

### **Sec. 4-32. Neglected, abandoned, and injured animals.**

- A. *Abandonment prohibited.* No person may abandon any animal. For the purposes of this section, abandonment is defined as the presence of an animal in an environment where the animal is separated from basic needs such as food, water, shelter or necessary medical attention, for a period of longer than 24 hours. This includes depositing, leaving, dropping off or otherwise disposing of any live domestic animal on any public or private property.
- B. *Proper medical care required.* No person who owns, harbors or keeps any animal shall fail to provide proper medical attention to such animal when and if such animal becomes sick or injured.
- C. *Removal; notice to owner.* Any law enforcement officer may remove, shelter and care for an animal found to be cruelly exposed to the weather, starved or denied adequate water, neglected, abandoned or otherwise treated in a cruel manner, and may deliver such animal

to an approved facility to be sheltered, cared for and given medical attention, if necessary. In all cases, the owner, if known, shall be immediately notified and may be cited.

- D. *Disposition of animals.* If the owner or custodian is unknown and cannot, with reasonable effort, be ascertained or does not, within seven days after notice, redeem the animal by paying the expenses incurred, it may be treated as a stray and dealt with as such.

**Sec. 4-34. Housing of farm and exotic/dangerous animals prohibited.**

- A. *Prohibited.* No farm, exotic or dangerous animals shall be housed, quartered, stabled, pastured, kept, or in any manner maintained within the village limits except as specifically approved by the village board. The raising of livestock is permitted in the agricultural district.
- B. *Applicability.* The animals prohibited by Section 4.34 A include, but are not limited to, horses, ponies, mules, cows, sheep, goats, llamas, pigs (including potbellied pigs), chickens and roosters, geese, ducks, peacocks, ostriches, and any other farm, exotic or dangerous animals. The animals prohibited by this section also include any animal, other than domestic dogs and cats, that in wild state are carnivorous or that, because of their nature or physical makeup, are capable of inflicting physical harm on human beings or property, including, but not limited to, animals that belong to the cat family, snakes (either poisonous or that otherwise present a risk of physical harm to human beings as a result of their nature or physical makeup, including constrictors), bears, wolves, wolverines, badgers, lions, tigers and any hybrids of the same.

**Sec. 4-36. Pigeons prohibited.**

The village deems it necessary to regulate the keeping of pigeons within the village to promote the peace, comfort and welfare of all village residents. For purposes of this section, the term "pigeon" means a member of the family Columbidae, including any-and-all varieties and breeds. No person shall keep, maintain, raise or harbor pigeons within the village.

**Sec. 4-45. Dog or cat bites.**

Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog or cat who knows that such dog or cat has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact verbally and in writing to the Sheriff's Department. Such dog or cat shall be kept quarantined for not less than 14 days or for such period of time as the Sheriff's Department shall direct. The owner or keeper of any such dog or cat shall surrender the dog or cat to the Sheriff's Department upon demand for examination.

**Sec. 4-48. Vaccinations required.**

No dog or cat shall be kept within the village unless the person owning, harboring, or keeping the dog or cat furnishes proof upon demand that the dog or cat has received its rabies vaccination as required by law or is less than five months of age. Upon failure to provide such proof upon demand, said dog or cat may be impounded and shall be released to its owner only after the required vaccinations have been arranged for by the owner at the owner's expense. The requirements of this section are in addition to those provisions of this chapter regarding rabies vaccination.

**Sec. 4-52. License required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person in the village to own, harbor or keep any dog more than five months of age without a license. If the dog is more than five months of age on January 1 of any year or reaches five months of age within the license year, or within 30 days from the date such dog becomes five months of age, the owner or caretaker shall obtain a county license.

**Sec. 4-55. General licensing procedure.**

- A. *Issuance by county.* The owner or caretaker of a dog that is required by the provisions of this article to be licensed shall make application to the Monroe County Animal Control Office or their designee, on the form provided by the county, shall present proof of the vaccination required hereunder, and shall pay the license fee established.
- B. *Issuance by authorized veterinarians.* As an alternative, the license required pursuant to this section may be obtained from a veterinarian who is authorized to issue licenses by the county.
- C. *Term; fee proration; refunds.* Dog licenses shall be renewable annually and shall expire on December 31 of each year. There shall be no proration of fees for licenses issued for less than one year. There shall be no refund of fees by reason of sale, transfer, death, or other transfer of the licensed animal.

Ordinance to be Filed. Upon passage and publication or posting of this ordinance as required by law, the Village clerk shall immediately mail a copy of the ordinance to the Monroe County Animal Control Office and to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

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Richard Lee, Village President

ATTEST:

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Laura Sagler, Village Clerk

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