

ORDINANCE #57

REGULATION OF DOGS

An Ordinance regarding dogs in the Village of Cochrane, Wisconsin. The Village Board of the Village of Cochrane ordain as follows:

Section 1. (a) It shall be unlawful to own, keep or harbor a dog which runs at large within the Village.

(b) Any Village Officer or appointed representative shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog running at large. Any impounded dog shall be handled under the procedures described in Sec. 174.046, 1983 Stats, as amended, except the minimum impoundment period shall be 12 days.

Section 2. The owner of any vicious dog shall keep same securely enclosed on the owner's premises, away from the proximity of sidewalks, paths, or alleyways, and shall keep it muzzled when not in the enclosure.

“Vicious animal” is defined as any dog which has previously injured or caused injury to a person, livestock or property.

Section 3. No person shall exercise or walk a dog on a leash more than six (6) feet in length. No person shall allow or permit any dog owned by him to defecate upon the property not owned by such person without such other property owner's consent, or upon any public property, including any property used for street purposes, without immediately removing the feces.

Section 4. (a) No person shall own, keep, have in his possession, or harbor any dog within the Village which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping or barking, shall cause a serious disturbance to persons or to the neighborhood, provided that the provision of this section shall not apply to licensed dog hospitals conducted for the treatment of small animals or to the premises used and occupied by the Village for impounding animals.

(b) No person shall be convicted under this provision except upon a complaint executed by three (3) or more persons of different households from the neighborhood.

Section 5. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall forfeit, in addition to the costs of prosecution, not more than \$50.00 for the first offense and not more than \$100.00 for the second and subsequent offenses, and in default of payment shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, but not exceeding six (6) months.

Section 6. Effective Date - This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as provided by law.

/s/ Owen Nelson, Village President

Attest:

/s/ Lois Fetting, Village Clerk

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