

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Ordinance # 84-1

REQUIRING DOG LICENSE AND RABIES VACCINATION

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ASHFORD, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 – DOG LICENSE

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor or have in his possession, any dog of an age of more than six months on January 1st of any year for which a license has not been obtained. Upon presentation of proof that the dog is currently immunized against rabies and upon payment of the required license fee, the collecting official of the Town shall issue to the owner a receipt and a tag and keep a record thereof.

SECTION 2 – LICENSE FEES

The annual license fees are as follows:

\$8.00 – each male or female dog

\$3.00 – each neutered male or spayed female dog

SECTION 3 – TERM OF LICENSE

Each dog license shall be obtained within thirty (30) days of the date such dog becomes **six** months of age and shall expire on December 31 of each year.

SECTION 4 – LATE FEES

The collecting official shall assess and collect a late fee of **\$5.00** from every owner of a dog **six** months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog.

SECTIONS 5 – TAGS REQUIRED

No owner shall allow his dog to be at large or under control of any person, without a collar containing a license tag. The requirement of the dog wearing tags does not apply to dogs while in training, while hunting, to a dog confined indoors, or securely confined in a fenced area.

SECTION 6 – KENNELS

The term “KENNEL” means any establishment where dogs are kept for the purpose of breeding, boarding, sale, or for sporting purposes. Any person harboring, or having in his possession more than three dogs of an age of six months or more that are kept for the purpose of breeding, boarding, sale, or sporting purposes shall be presumed as operating a dog kennel within the meaning of this ordinance.

Any person who operates a kennel shall obtain a kennel license annually at a fee of **\$35.00**, for a kennel of twelve (12) or fewer dogs, and an additional **\$3.00** for each dog in excess of twelve (12).

Upon payment of the required kennel license fee, proof that all dogs over six months of age are currently immunized against rabies must be shown or recorded for the collecting official.

An annual inspection of kennels operating in the Town of Ashford may be made by the Town Officials for the purpose of compliance with licensing, rabies, control, and other Wisconsin state statutes on animal rights and Fond du Lac County and Town of Ashford ordinances.

SECTION 7 – BARKING DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor within the limits of the township, any dog which frequently or habitually barks, whines, or howls.

SECTION 8 – DOGS AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit such dog to enter and roam on the premises of another, unless accompanied by the owner or keeper, and owner or keeper has obtained permission to enter on the property.

SECTION 9 – ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement of this ordinance shall be carried out by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department or any peace officer. If the identity and ownership of the offending dog can be determined, the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department or peace officer shall inform the owner or keeper of such transgressions. This shall not limit the authority of the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department or any peace officer to impound the dog or to prosecute such owner or keeper as herein provided.

SECTION 10 – IMPOUNDMENT

Any dog impounded pursuant to this ordinance must be licensed in the Town before it can be released. The Town or County records shall be used to determine if the dog is licensed. The owner claiming his or her dog shall be charged any and all costs for the board of said animal during the time it is impounded, including the cost of a rabies vaccination and tag, if no evidence of prior vaccination is produced.

SECTION 11 – INTENT

It is the intent of this ordinance to protect the citizens from the ravages and damages caused by dogs, particularly those dogs owned or kept by people; who fail to respect the rights of others. It is not the intent of this ordinance to penalize anyone whose dog may for the first time and without their knowledge, cause a disturbance.

SECTION 12 – PENALTY

Any person, firm, or corporation who or which shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of an amount not less than **\$5.00** nor more than **\$200.00**, together with the cost of prosecution. Each day of violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

Adopted by the Town Board of Ashford this _____ day of _____.

Joseph Koch, Chairman

Randy, Sinotte, Supervisor

Bob Burg, Supervisor

Attested To:

Tracy Flasch, Clerk

Adopted April 2, 1984

Posted: _____

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