

DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE  
CONCERNING THE CONFINEMENT OF DOGS

The Town Board of the Town of Sioux Creek, Barron County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 – TITLE

This ordinance shall be called the Dog Control Ordinance; any previous ordinances enacted by the Town of Sioux Creek that may be in conflict with any provisions hereto are herewith repealed.

SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS

In this ordinance, unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- a) Owner shall mean any person owning, harboring, or keeping a dog, and the occupant of any premises on which a dog remains, or to which the dog customarily returns daily for a period of ten (10) days, is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this section.
- b) At large shall mean to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or physical means of restraining a dog, but a dog within an automobile/vehicle of its owner or in an automobile/vehicle of any person with the consent of the dog's owner shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.

SECTION 3 –GENERAL LICENSING OF DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person in the Town of Sioux Creek to own, harbor, or keep any dog more than five (5) months of age without complying with Chapter 174.05 through 174010 of Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 4 – RESTRICTION OF KEEPING DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Town of Sioux Creek to own, harbor, or keep any dog which:

- a) Is at large within the Town of Sioux Creek.
- b) Habitually pursues any vehicle or person upon any public street or highway in the Town of Sioux Creek
- c) Assaults or attacks any person off the premises of the owner.
- d) Habitually barks, yowls, or yelps to the great discomfort of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or in such manner as to materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities.

- e) Kills, wounds, or worries any domestic animal.
- f) Is known by the owner to have been exposed to an animal infected with rabies and such owner fails to quarantine the dog as required by Section 95.21 WI Statutes.

## SECTION 5 – INCORPORATION OF RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

Section 95.21 of WI Statutes is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance. In addition, any Barron County Statute or ordinances regarding rabies are also hereby incorporated.

## SECTION 6 – PENALTIES

Any owner who violates any provision of this ordinance shall forfeit not less than fifty (\$50) nor more than one hundred (\$100) dollars plus costs for the first violation. The penalty for subsequent violations shall be a forfeiture of not less than one hundred (\$100) nor more than (\$200) dollars plus costs. Each violation and/or each day that a violation continues or occurs may constitute a separate offence.

## SECTION 7 – IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS

In addition of any penalty herein provided for in this ordinance the following may occur:

- a) The Constable or any Police Officer or Humane Officer may and is hereby empowered to enter onto any premises to seize and impound any dog which habitually violates any portion of this ordinance. In order for an animal to be impounded, the impounding officer must see or hear the violation of this ordinance or have in his/her possession a signed statement of a complaining witness alleging the facts regarding the violation and containing an agreement to reimburse the Town of Sioux Creek for any damages it sustains for improper or illegal seizure. The owner shall otherwise be liable for all other charges regarding the impoundment.
- b) Impoundment shall take place at the Barron County Humane Shelter or any other appropriate location. The dog shall be released when the following stipulations have been met:
  - 1) The person claiming the dog presents proof of ownership satisfactory to the animal shelter personnel.
  - 2) The person provides evidence that the dog is properly licensed.
  - 3) The person pays the dog's boarding and service charges of \$10.00 a day.
  - 4) And the person submits a signed form from the Constable, Clerk, or Treasurer of the Town of Sioux Creek stating that all associated penalties have been paid.
- c) If the dog is not claimed within 7 days, the caretaker may dispose of the dog as provided for in Section 174.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 8 – EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 9 – LISTING OFFICIAL

The Town Board of the Town of Sioux Creek hereby designates the elected Treasurer as the listing Official for dog licensing purposes.

The forgoing ordinance is hereby adopted at the regular meeting of the Town Board of Sioux Creek on this 8th day of July, 2003.

Kathleen L. Martin, Clerk

Jerry Huset, Chairman

Larry Larson, Supervisor

Oscar Skoug, Supervisor