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SEC. 7-1-1 DOG LICENSE REQUIRED; DEFINITIONS.

- (a) **license Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Nichols to own, harbor or keep any dog for more than five (5) months of age after July 1 of the license year without complying with the provisions of this Chapter relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.

(b) **Definitions.** In this Chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise require:

- (1) "Owner" shall mean any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog or cat and the occupant of any premises on which a dog or cat remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten (10) days; such person is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog or cat within the meaning of this Section.
- (2) "At large" means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or otherwise, but a dog or cat within an automobile of its owner, or in an automobile of any other person with the consent of the owner of said dog or cat, shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.
- 3 "Dog" shall mean any canine, regardless of age or sex.
- 4 "Cat" shall mean any feline, regardless of age or sex.
- 5 "Neutered" as used herein as describing a dog or cat shall mean a dog or cat having nonfunctional reproductive organs.
- (6) "Animal" means mammals, reptiles and birds.
- 7) "Cruel" means causing unnecessary and excessive pain or suffering or unjustifiable injury or death.
- (8) "Law Enforcement Officer" has that meaning as appears in Sec. 967.02(5), Wis. Stats., and includes a humane officer under Sec. 58.07, Wis. Stats., but does not include a conservation warden appointed under Sec. 23.10, Wis. Stats.
- (9) "Farm Animal" means any warm-blooded animal normally raised on farms in the United States and used for food or fiber.
- (10) "Pet" means an animal kept and treated as a pet.

State Law Reference: Sections 174.05 through 174.10, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 7-1-2 RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSE.

- (a) **Rabies Vaccination.** The owner of a dog or cat shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days after the dog or cat reaches four (4) months of age and revaccinated within one (1) year after the initial vaccination. **If** the owner obtains the dog or cat or brings the dog or cat into the Village of Nichols after the dog or cat has reached four (4) months of age, the owner shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies within thirty (30) days after the dog or cat is brought into the Village unless the dog or cat has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination. The owner of a dog or cat shall have the dog or cat revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date of that immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within two (2) years after the previous vaccination. The certificate of vaccination shall meet the requirements of Sec. 95.21(2), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Issuance of Certificate of Rabies Vaccination.** A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog or cat against rabies shall complete and issue to the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination bearing a serial number and in the form approved by the Village stating the owner's name and address, the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed and color of the dog, the date of the vaccination, the type of rabies vaccination administered and the manufacturer's serial number, the date that the immunization expires as specified for that type of vaccine by the Center for Disease Control of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Village.

- (c) **Copies of Certificate.** The veterinarian shall keep a copy of each certificate of rabies vaccination in a file maintained for this purpose until the date that the immunization expires or until the dog or cat is revaccinated, whichever occurs first.
- (d) **Rabies Vaccination Tag.** After issuing the certificate of rabies vaccination, the veterinarian shall deliver to the owner a rabies vaccination tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the certificate, the year the vaccination was given and the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- (e) **Tag to be Attached.** The owner shall attach the rabies vaccination tag or a substitute tag to a collar and a collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog or cat at all times, but this requirement does not apply to a dog or cat during competition or training, to a dog or cat while hunting, to a dog or cat securely confined indoors or to a dog or cat securely confined in a fenced area. The substitute tag shall be of a durable material and contain the same information as the rabies vaccination tag. The requirements of this paragraph do not apply to a dog or cat which is not required to be vaccinated under Subsection (a).
- (f) **Duplicate Tag.** The veterinarian may furnish a new rabies vaccination tag with a new serial number to an owner in place of the original tag upon presentation of the certificate of rabies vaccination. The veterinarian shall then indicate the new tag number on the certificate and keep a record in the file.
- (g) **Cost.** The owner shall pay the cost of the rabies vaccination and the cost associated with the issuance of a certificate of rabies vaccination and the delivery of a rabies vaccination tag.

SEC. 7-1-3 ISSUANCE OF DOG, CAT, AND KENNEL LICENSES.

(a) Dog and Cat Licenses.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Nichols to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat more than five (5) months of age without complying with the provisions of Sec. 174.05 through Sec. 174.10, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.
- (2) The owner of any dog or cat 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 on or before the date the dog or cat becomes five (5) months of age, pay a license tax and obtain a license.
- (3) The minimum license tax under this Section shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00) for spayed females or neutered males. The minimum fee for unspayed or unneutered animals shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00). The license year shall commence January 1 and end December 31.
- (4) Upon payment of the required license tax and upon presentation of evidence that the dog or cat is currently immunized against rabies, as required by Section 7-1-2 of this Chapter, the Village Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for such dog or cat containing all information required by state law. The Village Treasurer shall also deliver to the owner, at the time of issuance of the license, a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license, the name of the county in which issued and the license year.
- (5) The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog for which the license is issued at all times, except as provided in Section 7-1-2(e).
- (6) The fact that a dog or cat is without a tag attached to the dog or cat by means of a collar shall be presumptive evidence that the dog or cat is

unlicensed. Any law enforcement or humane officer shall seize, impound or restrain any dog or cat for which a dog or cat license is required which is found without such tag attached.

- (7) Notwithstanding the foregoing, every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons is exempt from the dog license tax, and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the Village Treasurer upon application therefor.

(b) Kennel licenses.

- (1) Any person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of the license tax for each dog required by this Chapter, apply for a kennel license for the keeping or operating of the kennel. Such person shall pay for the license year a license tax of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for a kennel of twelve (12) or fewer dogs and an additional Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each dog in excess of twelve (12). Upon payment of the required kennel license tax and, if required by the Village Board, upon presentation of evidence that all dogs over five (5) months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the Village Treasurer shall issue the kennel license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept in the kennel. Kennels may only be located in residential areas following a public hearing and approval by the Village Board; the Board may attach conditions to such approval as a conditional use under the Village's Zoning Code.
- (2) The owner or keeper of a kennel shall keep at all times a kennel license tag attached to the collar of each dog over five (5) months old kept by the owner or keeper under a kennel license but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. These tags may be transferred from one dog to another within the kennel whenever any dog is removed from the kennel. The rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag shall remain attached to the dog for which it is issued at all times but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. No dog bearing a kennel tag shall be permitted to stray or to be taken anywhere outside the limits of the kennel unless the dog is in leash or temporarily for the purposes of hunting, breeding, trial, training or competition.
- (3) The term "kennel" means any establishment wherein or whereon three (3) or more dogs are kept.
- (4) No kennel license shall be issued to the keeper or operator of a kennel who fails to provide proper food and drink and proper shelter for the dogs in said kennel or who neglects or abandons said dogs. Designated officials shall investigate any complaints regarding the failure to maintain proper standards or investigate any kennel premises upon his own initiative. Expressly incorporated by reference in this Section as minimum standards for kennel keepers or operator are the relevant provisions of Chapter 948 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- (5) A condition of a kennel license shall be that the licensed premises may be entered and inspected at any reasonable hour by appropriate Village officials without any warrant, and the application for a license hereunder shall be deemed a consent to this provision. Any refusal to permit such inspection shall automatically operate as a revocation of any license issued hereunder and shall be deemed a violation of this Section. Should any kennel be found to constitute a public nuisance, the license shall be revoked and the nuisance abated pursuant to Village ordinances.

State Law Reference: Sec. 174.053, Wis. Stats.