

**Village of Radisson Ordinance Title 6, Chapter 01
To Establish Animal Control in the Village of Radisson**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Radisson, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section One: Village of Radisson Ordinance Title 6, Chapter 01, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

"Chapter 6.01

ANIMAL LICENSING AND CONTROL

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6.01.010 Purposes.

The purposes of this chapter are to promote humane treatment of all animals and to reduce the hazard, nuisances and conflicts created by irresponsible pet ownership and to promote effective enforcement of pet licensing requirements.

6.01.020 License Required.

No person shall own, harbor, or keep a dog or cat over the age of 5 months within the corporate limits of the Village without first obtaining a license therefor from the Sawyer County clerk. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the Sawyer County and, at a minimum, contain the following information: 1) name and address of the owner; 2) telephone number of the owner; 3) current inoculation records of the animals; 4) name, age, origin and sex of the animal; and 5) whether the animal is spade or neutered. Licenses for dogs shall be issued in compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 174.05 through 174.10.

The dog license fee(s), late fees and penalties shall be set by Sawyer County from time to time. Please refer to Sawyer County Ordinance 2018-02 for vaccination requirements.

A valid rabies certificate shall accompany the application stating the name of the veterinarian who administered the inoculation, the date it was given, and the length of time during which such inoculation will be effective, which shall be at least as long as the license period.

6.01.030 Animals At Large.

A. No dogs, cats or other domestic animals shall negligently or otherwise, be permitted to run at large within village limits. A dog, cat or other domestic animal shall be considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person.

B. All dogs, cats or other domestic animals shall be kept on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times when off the premises of their owner. When on the premises of the owner, all dogs, cats, and other domestic animals shall be penned, indoors, or otherwise under control of the owner at all times.

6.01.040 Maximum Number of Animals.

No individual or family unit living together, firm or corporation shall keep more than a combined total of six (6) dogs and cats over the age of three months, further subject to the limitation that the number of dogs is limited to four (4) and the number of cats is limited to four (4). This provision shall further apply to the owner of any property upon which there are dogs or cats in excess of the limitations prescribed herein, except in the event the property is used for a bona fide and licensed animal hospital or kennel and the animals are wholly contained therein.

6.01.050 Restrictions on Keeping Dogs and Cats.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the village to own, harbor, or keep any dog, cat, or other animal which:

1. Habitually pursues vehicles on highways, roads, streets and alleys in the Village;
2. Assaults or attacks physically persons in the village ;
3. Habitually barks or habitually howls to the reasonable annoyance of any person or persons;
4. Is at large within the village; or
5. Is known by such persons to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.

6.01.060 Care of Pets.

All pets in the Village shall be cared for, maintained, and handled in a sanitary manner and so to prevent the undue and excessive barking, howling, or other noises constituting a disturbance of the

peace and quiet of the neighborhood. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in or on any public street, water, or ground, or in any other place, any dead animal, garbage, filth, offal, or substance that will tend to contaminate the area or to create a strong odor or nuisance, or to endanger public health safety. Owners shall promptly dispose of any excreta, whether deposited on public or private property, in a safe and sanitary manner. All owners of cats shall keep the quarters where cats are kept clean and sanitary such as to not create a health hazard or nuisance.

6.01.070 Removal of Feral Cats.

A property owner shall remove and lawfully dispose of any abandoned, feral or at large cat(s) found on their property and not allow their property to be in a condition which attracts any such cat(s). Any cat(s) not so removed or lawfully disposed of are subject to impoundment and property owners, if the owners cannot be identified, will be assessed all applicable costs and fees under this chapter.

6.01.080 Duty of Owner in Case of Dog or Cat Bite.

Any person owning, or keeping any dog or cat which has bitten any person or is suspected of having rabies shall immediately deliver and surrender said dog or cat to a Wisconsin licensed veterinarian, Sawyer County Animal Control Officer, or the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department.

6.01.090 Destruction of Rabid Animals.

A. Any unwanted or stray dog or cat, wild animal or rabies vaccinated dog or cat who in the opinion of the veterinarian requires immediate diagnosis that bites a human shall be euthanized immediately and the head submitted to a qualified laboratory for fluorescent examination for rabies.

B. Any licensed dog, which shall be known to be, or there is good reason to believe, is mad, rabid, vicious or dangerous to the public, shall be impounded and disposed of according to law. Any licensed dog which has bitten any person and which shows evidence of rabies inoculation shall not be impounded, but shall be confined at such place as designated by the health department for a period of ten (10) days under the observation of a licensed veterinarian, unless, in the opinion of the Sawyer County Animal Control Officer and Sawyer County Health Department, the animal exhibits symptoms of illness, in which case the dog shall be impounded under the observation of a licensed veterinarian. In either case, such veterinarian shall, at the end of such period, or when he or she has made his or her determination, report his or her findings to the Sawyer County Animal Control Officer and Sawyer County Health Department. Any licensed dog which has bitten any person and does not display evidence of rabies inoculation shall be immediately impounded and placed under the observation of a licensed veterinarian for ten (10) days. After such period of time, such veterinarian shall report in writing thereon to the Sawyer County Animal Control Officer and Sawyer County Health Department. In all cases hereunder, if any dog is found to be diseased, it shall be destroyed and no person shall interfere with the village authorities or agents in carrying out their duties in this regard. All expenses thus incurred shall be paid by the owner or person having custody of such dog.

C. This chapter shall apply in all cases where persons are bitten and any person other than a licensed veterinarian is prohibited from destroying such dog without complying herewith.

D. If the owner of any dog shall deny that his or her dog is mad, vicious or dangerous to the public, or shall deny that his or her dog has bitten any person, the dog owner may be summoned into court. If the court decides that the dog is vicious or dangerous to the public or has bitten any person, the dog may be confined as provided in this chapter and the costs of the investigation shall be taxed against the owner.

E. No person shall keep or harbor any dog or other domesticated animal, whether licensed or not, which is known to be or when there is good reason to believe the same to be mad, rabid, vicious or dangerous to the public.

F. No dog or other domesticated animal, without provocation, shall injure or cause injury to a person, domestic animal, or property.

6.01.10 Confinement and Disposition.

A. Confinement. The Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, Sawyer County Animal Control Officer, or any officer appointed by the village board, shall apprehend any dog, cat, or other animal which comes under the provisions of this chapter found running at large within the village or which does any of the things prohibited under section 6.01.040 or requiring confinement under section 6.01.090 and confine the same in a suitable place.

B. Disposition of Unclaimed Animals. The Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, Sawyer County Animal Control Officer, or the keeper of a pound, shall keep all animals, except for unlicensed feral cats, apprehended for seven days (unless sooner claimed by the owner or keeper). Feral cats will be kept for no longer than two days. If any animal is not reclaimed by the rightful owner within such time, the animal may be sold for the amount incurred in apprehending, keeping and caring for it, have its ear clipped and returned to the area of capture, or it may be destroyed in a proper and humane manner.

C. Owner or Keeper to Pay Costs. The owner or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal so confined, or property owner who failed to remove cats as required by section 6.01.080, shall pay all costs and charges incurred in apprehending, keeping and caring for such animal. Such costs and charges may include expenses for inoculation or other medical treatment of the animal. Upon payment of all fees and costs, an owner or keeper may reclaim such animal at any time before the same is disposed.

D. Impoundment Fee. The owner or keeper of any animal so confined shall, in addition to any costs required to be paid under subsection C of this section, pay an impoundment fee before reclaiming such animal.

6.01.11 Penalty.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, together with the costs of prosecution and any other costs or penalties specifically provided for under this chapter. In default of payment of such forfeiture and costs such person shall be imprisoned in the county jail until said forfeiture and costs are paid, but not exceeding ninety days. Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offense. No person shall be imprisoned under this section if there is a showing that he is indigent.

6.01.12 Enforcement.

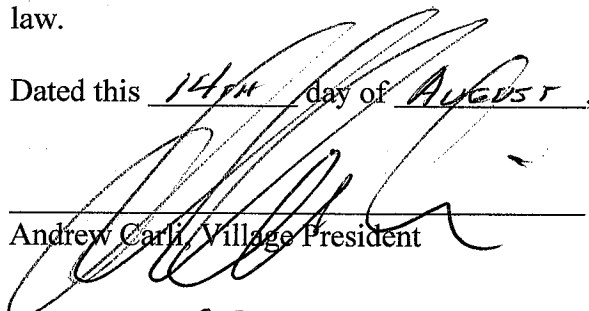
It shall be the duty of the Sawyer County Animal Control Officer or a member of the Sawyer County Sherriff's Department or any other person designated by the village to bring action against any person within the village limits, who has committed any violation as set forth in this resolution.

6.01.13 Severability.

If any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the result thereof shall not conflict the remaining parts of this ordinance.”

Section Two: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Dated this 14th day of AUGUST, 2023.



Andrew Carli, Village President

Attest: 

Gwen Genari, Clerk

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Effective upon publication.