

TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 90: ANIMALS

Dogs

90.01 License Required

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, maintain, keep or harbor any dog within the village without first procuring a license therefor as prescribed by state law.

(B) *Collar and display of license required:* each person owning, possessing or harboring any dog shall provide the dog or cat with a substantial collar of durable material, to which the license tag is securely attached. The collar and tag shall be worn at all times. No tag shall be used on the collar of any dog other than the dog or specified on the license, and no person shall remove the collar or tag from any dog without the consent of the owner or the party to whom the license is issued.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979) Penalty, see 90.99

90.02 Impounding Dogs; Disposition

It shall be the duty of the Village Police Department or County Animal Control to seize and impound any dog found anywhere in the village contrary to the provisions of this chapter. Before the impounded dog shall be released to its owner or other authorized person if any costs were incurred, payment of a sum of money as a fee plus cost of maintenance as per a schedule adopted by the Village Council from time to time and posted in the office of the Village Police Department. If the county animal shelter has the dog, a said sum to be paid to the County Animal Control for its care and maintenance per their schedule shall be paid to them. If the village has the dog, it shall be taken to the county animal shelter if it has to be held overnight because the village doesn't have the facilities to maintain animals overnight.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979) Penalty, see 90.99

90.03 Police Department; Records Required

The Village Police Department or County Animal Control shall maintain a complete record of all dogs impounded under the provisions of this subchapter and the disposition of the same.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979)

90.04 Report to Police Department Required

If any person is bitten by a dog, it shall be the duty of that person, or the owner or custodian of the dog having knowledge of the same, to report same to the Village Police Department or County Animal Control within 12 hours thereafter. If the owner or custodian of any dog has any reason to believe or suspect that such dog has become infected with rabies, it shall be the duty of that person to report the same to the County Animal Control within 12 hours thereafter.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979)

90.05 Quarantine; Procedure

In the event of any report to it as set forth in ' 90.04, the Village Police Department or County Animal Control shall seize such dog and deliver it to the County Animal Shelter. The Animal Shelter shall hold such dog in quarantine until a laboratory analysis by a licensed veterinarian is made to determine whether the dog is infected.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979)

90.06 Running Loose; Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any other person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof, to permit any dog, to run at large upon the public streets, walks, parks or other public places or private property other than the animal owner, within the village, unless such dog shall be attached to a leash of sufficient strength to restrain such dog.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979) Penalty, see 90.99

90.07 Annoying Dogs; Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any dog which shall cause annoyance or disturbance to persons in the village by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979) Penalty, see 90.99

90.08 Vicious Dogs Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit a vicious, fierce or dangerous dog to go unconfined and unrestrained on such person's premises, or to run at large in the village.

(Ord. 6308, passed 5-22-1979) Penalty, see 90.99

90.09 Dog Excreta

(A) Any person owning or having charge of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by such dog on public thoroughfares, sidewalks, parks or any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property.

(B) Any person owning or having charge of a dog, whether or not on a leash, which deposits excrement on public or private property, other than the property of the animal's owner or keeper, shall, upon being made aware of such fact, immediately remove such excrement and dispose of it in a sanitary method on property owned or possessed by such person.

(C) No person owning or having charge of a dog shall cause or permit such dog to be on public or private property, not owned or possessed by such person, unless such person has in his or her immediate possession an appropriate device for the scooping of excrement and an appropriate depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person.

(Ord. passed 11-18-1996) Penalty, see 90.99

Cats

90.20 License Required; Application, Display

- (A) Upon application to the Village Clerk or Police Department giving the full name and residence of the applicant, the Village Clerk or his or her duly authorized representative shall issue a license to the applicant and a tag of some durable material stamped or engraved with the number of the license, the year it is issued, and the words "Animal License, Village of Shepherd, Michigan."
- (B) Before the Village Clerk or Police Department shall deliver a license and tag as above provided for, the applicant therefor shall pay a one-time fee, to the Village Clerk the charges of \$10.
- (C) Collar and display of license required: each person owning, possessing or harboring any cat shall provide the cat with a substantial collar of durable material, to which the license tag is securely attached. The collar and tag shall be worn at all times. In case of loss, duplicate tags may be issued by the Village Clerk or his or her authorized representative at a cost of \$3 to the applicant upon proof of loss by the applicant. No tag shall be used on the collar of any cat other than the cat specified on the license, and no person shall remove the collar or tag from any cat without the consent of the owner or the party to whom the license is issued.

(1957 Code, 35-113 - Codified 2024-09-16) Penalty, see 90.99

90.21 Police Department; Records Required

The Village Police Department or County Animal Control shall maintain a complete record of all cats impounded under the provisions of this subchapter and the disposition of the same.

(1957 Code, 35-115 - Codified 2024-09-16)

90.22 Running Loose; Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any other person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof, to permit any cat, to run at large upon the public streets, walks, parks or other public places or private property other than the animal owner, within the village.

(1957 Code, 35-116 - Codified 2024-09-16) Penalty, see 90.99

90.23 Annoying Cats; Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any cat which shall cause annoyance or disturbance to persons in the village.

(1957 Code, 35-117 - Codified 2024-09-16) Penalty, see 90.99

90.24 Cat Excreta

- (A) Any person owning or having charge of any cat shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by such cat on public thoroughfares, sidewalks, parks or any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property.
- (B) Any person owning or having charge of a cat, whether or not on a leash, which deposits excrement on public or private property, other than the property of the animal's owner or keeper, shall, upon being made aware of such fact, immediately remove such excrement and dispose of it in a sanitary method on property owned or possessed by such person.
- (C) No person owning or having charge of a cat shall cause or permit such cat to be on public or private property, not owned or possessed by such person, unless such person has in his or her immediate possession an appropriate device for the scooping of excrement and an appropriate depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person.

(1957 Code, 35-118 - Codified 2024-09-16) Penalty, see 90.99

90.99 Penalty

- (A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to 10.99.
- (B) Fines for violations of this chapter shall be as set forth by the county.

(1957 Code, 35-110 - Codified 2024-09-16)