

ORDINANCE NO. 82-3

9/13/82

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF DOGS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSFIELD, KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSFIELD, KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: DOGS TO BE INNOCULATED, LICENSED BY COUNTY. No dog shall be permitted to be or remain within the Village limits of the Village of Williamsfield unless properly innoculated for rabies as provided by Section 23 (i) of Chapter 8 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, and unless being licensed by the County of Knox as provided by Section 15 of Chapter 8 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

SECTION TWO: REPORT OF UNLICENSED, UNINNOCULATED DOGS. Any person finding a lost or stray dog without a current rabies innoculation tag and current Knox County and Village of Williamsfield license tags shall be required to report such animal to the Village Police.

SECTION THREE: DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED. No person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog shall cause or permit such animal to run at large within the Village. All dogs within the Village shall be kept confined within an enclosure or be kept confined by a chain or on a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length, in such manner as to prevent the biting of any person or animal. A dog shall be deemed to be "at large" when it is off the premises of its owner's real property and not restrained by a competent person.

SECTION FOUR: CONFINEMENT, WARNING OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS. No person shall own, keep or harbor a dangerous or vicious dog or other animal within the Village, unless such person shall keep such dog or animal safely and securely confined so as to protect from injury any person or child who shall 'lawfully' come on the premises in the vicinity where such dog or animal may be located. Adequate warning by signs, or otherwise, shall be given to all persons lawfully coming upon the premises in the vicinity of any such vicious or dangerous dog or animal which may be confined as aforesaid.

SECTION FIVE: ANIMALS DISTURBING THE PEACE. It shall be unlawful for the owner or persons in charge or control of any dog or other animal, or any person who has the authority or power to prevent same, to suffer or permit any such dog or other animal by barking, howling, crying or other distressing or loud or unusual noise to disturb the peace or quiet of any place of neighborhood or family or person in the Village. The disturbing of the peace or quiet of any such place or neighborhood or family or person in said Village by any such dog or other animal is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any such nuisance to exist.



SECTION SIX: DESTRUCTION OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS. If any dangerous, fierce or vicious dog or other animal cannot safely be taken up and impounded, such dog or other animal may be destroyed by any police officer. The disposition of the destroyed dog or other animal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Illinois Revised Statutes.

SECTION SEVEN: IMPOUNDING OF DOGS. Any dog found running at large within the Village may be taken captive by any police officer or dog-catcher and impounded with a licensed veterinarian, and shall be kept by said veterinarian for a period of three (3) days. During the period of confinement, the owner of such dog may redeem the dog by paying veterinarian fees for room and board and any license or inoculation fee which may be due. Reasonable attempts shall be made to notify the owner of a tagged dog, but the burden of acknowledging ownership and claiming and redeeming any dog, tagged or untagged, shall be on the owner. If dog is not claimed during said period, the dog may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the veterinarian; and the costs of board and destruction of the animal will be assessed to the owner.

SECTION EIGHT: OFFENSIVE, DECAYING ANIMAL MATTER. It shall be unlawful for any person having the ownership or control of any animal matter which is in process of decay or is offensive or dangerous to the public health within the Village to permit the same to be and remain while in such condition within the Village for more than twelve (12) hours.

SECTION NINE: PENALTY. Any person, firm or corporation found or adjudged guilty of violation of this Ordinance, shall be fined in a sum of money not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. Each day such violation continues shall be deemed for purposes of this Ordinance as a sole and separate offense. The owner of a dog which is running at large within the Village shall not be liable for the said fine if he can establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, one of the following defenses:

- A. That he had used reasonable care to prevent the dog running at large and did not know that it was at large.
- B. That he had used reasonable care to prevent its running at large and had made a reasonable effort to recapture the dog after gaining knowledge of its so running.

The burden of raising and proving one of the defenses shall be on the owner.

SECTION TEN: CONFLICT. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION ELEVEN: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, as required by law.

PASSED by the President of and Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsfield, Illinois, this 13th day of September, 1982.

APPROVED this 13th day of September, 1982.

/S/ William D. Leng  
President  
Village of Williamsfield  
Knox County, Illinois

ATTEST:

/S/ Joan T. Smith  
Village Clerk

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