

#2008-01

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN THE TOWN OF GRANT

The Town of Grant does hereby adopt this ordinance amending Ordinance 1980-02 in its entirety governing the control of dogs in the Town of Grant.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and welfare to regulate dog control in the Town of Grant, as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Grant, Shawano County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Dog Running at Large. Except as provided in Section 2, a dog is 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.

Section 2. Exception for Hunting Activities. A dog that is actively engaged in a legal, bona fide hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

Section 3. Dog Running at Large Subject to Impoundment. For the purposes of this ordinance, "officer" shall mean a person who is employed by the Town of Grant and designated by the Town Board as an animal control officer, or a person with whom the Town Board has contracted for capturing, restraining, and transporting dogs running at large. An officer shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog running at large. When the owner of the dog cannot be determined, the officer will capture and immediately transport the dog to an impoundment facility. When the owner of the dog is known, the officer will contact the owner and advise them to restrain the dog. If, after receiving one notification to restrain, the dog is once again found to be running at large, it will be captured and immediately transported for impoundment.

Section 4. Boarding and Release of Dog. An officer shall deliver a captured dog to the Shawano County Humane Society, Shawano, Wisconsin or another acceptable facility for dog boarding. Owners must comply with all requirements of the Shawano County Humane Society or other dog boarding facility for obtaining the release of a dog impounded under this ordinance, including payment of fees and costs of boarding, together with any charges billed to the Town of Grant for the capture and transport of the dog by a contracted animal control officer, any costs or charges incurred by the Town of Grant in the capture, restraining or impoundment of the dog.

Section 5. Untagged Dog. A dog that is regularly kept in the Town of Grant is considered to be untagged if a valid license tag issued by the Town of Grant is not attached to a collar which is kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area. Electronic controls (e.g., underground fences) are not fenced areas for the purposes of this ordinance. A dog need not be kept in the Town of Grant on a year-round basis in order to be considered to be regularly kept in the Town; a dog that is kept in the Town of Grant an average

of ninety or more days per year is subject to the requirements of this Section 5. Dogs under five months of age are exempt from this Section 5.

Section 6. Dog License Collecting Officials. Pursuant to Section 174.065 of Wisconsin Statutes, the “collecting official” for the purpose of issuance of dog licenses in the Town of Grant is the Town Treasurer.

Section 7. Referrals: If the owner of a dog negligently or otherwise permits the dog to run at large or be untagged, and following one notification by the animal control officer of a violation of this ordinance, the incident will be reported to the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department for further action.

This ordinance shall become effective on passage and posting. That date of posting will be January 8, 2008.

ADOPTED: January 7, 2007

APPROVED BY:

Richard Britzke, Chairman

Dale Klitz, Supervisor

Bill Bowers, Supervisor

ATTESTED BY:

Kay Blum, Clerk