

# **DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE**

The Town Board of the Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

## **SECTION 1 – TITLE**

This ordinance shall be named the Dog Control Ordinance; any previous ordinances enacted by the Town of Gordon in conflict herewith are repealed.

## **SECTION 2 – DEFINITION**

In this ordinance, unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- a. "Owner" shall mean any person owning, harboring, or keeping a dog and the occupant of any premises on which a dog remains or to which the dog customarily returns daily for a period of ten (10) days, is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this section.
- b. "At large" shall mean to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or physical means of restraining a dog, but a dog within an automobile of its owner or in an automobile of any person with the consent of the dog's owner shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.
- c. "Officer" shall mean a designated officer appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Gordon to enforce this ordinance.

## **SECTION 3 – GENERAL LICENSING OF DOGS**

It shall be unlawful for any person in the Town of Gordon to own, harbor, or keep, any dog more than six (6) months of age without complying with chapter 174 of Wisconsin Statutes.

## **SECTION 4 – RESTRICTIONS ON KEEPING OF DOGS**

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Town of Gordon to own, harbor, or keep any dog which:

- a. Is at large within the Town of Gordon.
- b. Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street or highway in the Town of Gordon.
- c. Assaults or attacks any person off the premises of the owner (s);
- d. Habitually barks or howls to reasonable annoyance of any person or person(s);
- e. Kills, mounds, or worries any domestic animal;
- f. Is over six (6) months of age, and has not been issued a valid license under the provisions of this ordinance and/or Chapter 174 of Wisconsin Statutes;
- g. Is known by the owner to be infected with rabies, or have been bitten by an animal known to be infected with rabies, and such owner fails to quarantine the dog as required by section 95.21, Wisconsin Statutes.

## **SECTION 5 – INCORPORATION OF RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM**

Sec. 95.21 of Wisconsin Statutes is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance. Any provisions of this ordinance shall be read in conjunction with the Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 95.21 however; it is the intent to make this ordinance more restrictive pursuant to Sec. 95.21(9).

## **SECTION 6 – NUMBER OF DOGS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than twelve (12) domestic dogs over six (6) months of age in any household within the Town unless a kennel permit has been issued by the Town's listing official.

## **SECTION 7 – KENNEL PERMITS**

The Town Board of the Town of Gordon shall grant kennel permits.

## **SECTION 8 – PENALTY**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than (\$20.00) nor more than (\$300.00) together with the costs of prosecution and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until costs and forfeitures are paid, but not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offence.

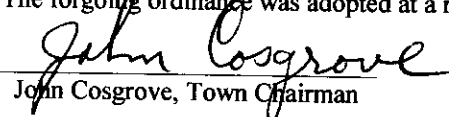
## **SECTION 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE**

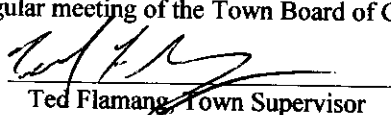
This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting as provided by law.

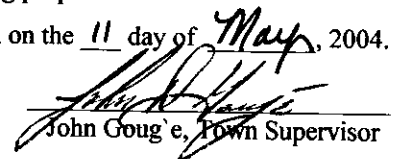
## **SECTION 10 – LISTING OFFICIAL**

The Town hereby designates the elected Treasurer as the listing official for dog licensing purposes.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of Gordon on the 11 day of May, 2004.

  
John Cosgrove, Town Chairman

  
Ted Flamang, Town Supervisor

  
John Goug'e, Town Supervisor

Attested by,

  
Wendy Finstad, Town Clerk