



Attention Dog & Cat Owners

Reminders from the Village of Prairie du Sac Code of Ordinances

The owner of any dog or cat more than five (5) months of age on January 1 of any year, or five (5) months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the animal becomes five (5) months of age, pay a license tax and obtain a license from the Village. Licenses are a good tool in reuniting pet owners with lost pets. Licenses expire on December 31 of the license year.

Neutered/Spayed	\$10.00
Unneutered/Unspayed	\$30.00
Late Fee	\$5.00 additional after April 1

The owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days after the animal reaches four (4) months of age, proof of vaccination must be provided at licensing.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Prairie du Sac to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat which:

- (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
- (2) Assaults or attacks any person or destroys property.
- (3) Is at large within the limits of the Village.
- (4) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons.
- (5) Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
- (6) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
- (7) Is unlicensed.

No person having in his possession or ownership any animal shall allow the same to run at large within the Village. The owner of any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall keep his animal tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow said animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large unlicensed and required by state law or Village ordinance to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by an officer of the Humane Society or the Sauk Prairie Police. A dog or cat shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash and under control of a person physically able to control it. Dogs are prohibited in Village Parks.

The owner or person in charge of any dog or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any street, alley or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately removed by said owner or person in charge. Anyone walking a dog without proper cleanup materials may be deemed in violation of Village Code. All pens, yards, structures or areas where animals are kept shall be maintained in a nuisance-free manner. Droppings and manure shall be removed regularly and disposed of properly so not to attract insects or rodents, becoming unsightly or cause objectionable odors.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to keep or harbor any dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps, or any cat which habitually cries or howls to the great discomfort of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or in such manner as to materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities. Such dogs and cats are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. A dog or cat is considered to be in violation of this Village Code when two (2) formal, written complaints are filed with the Police Department within a four (4) week period.

No family shall own, harbor or keep in its possession more than three (3) dogs or cats on any residentially zoned lot without the prior approval of the Village Board except that a litter of pups/kittens or a portion of a litter may be kept for not more than eight (8) weeks from birth. The total number of dogs and/or cats kept by an Owner in a household shall not exceed three (3) unless prior approval is obtained from the Village Board or a Pet Foster Permit is obtained per 7-1-4(b). If more than one family resides on a residential lot, then only two (2) dogs or cats shall be allowed on the residential lot unless the prior approval is obtained from the Village Board. For the purposes of this Section, the term "family" shall be defined as one or more persons.

Any person violating these sections of the Code of Ordinances shall be subject to forfeitures ranging from twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and not more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars plus court costs for the first offense.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.