

**TOWN OF PINE LAKE  
DOG RESTRICTIONS AND LICENSING ORDINANCE**

This ordinance shall supersede Dogs Running at Large Ordinance #05-02 dated December 21, 2006 and amended December 19, 2018.

**SECTION I – TITLE/PURPOSE**

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Pine Lake Dogs Running at Large Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate, by tag and penalty, the care, treatment, and control of dogs in the Town of Pine Lake.

**SECTION II – AUTHORITY**

The Town Board of the Town of Pine Lake has the authority under its village powers under s.60.22, Wis. stats., and the specific authority under s.60.23(30), and Chapters 173 and 174, Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

**SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and property notice having been given, provides for the regulation of the care, treatment, and control of dogs in the town.

**SECTION IV – DEFINITIONS**

In this Ordinance:

- A. “Abandoned” means that an owner has failed to pay the impoundment and care costs as imposed by the Oneida County Humane Society (OCHS).
- B. “Legal premise” means the real property owned or occupied by the owner of the dog.
- C. “Owner” means a person who owns, harbors, or keeps the dog.
- D. “Running at large” means off the owner’s legal premise and not under the control of the owner or some other person.
- E. “Stray dog” means a dog running at large whose owner is unknown
- F. “Town” means the Town of Pine Lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin
- G. “Town Board” means the board of supervisors for the Town of Pine Lake, Oneida County, Wisconsin and includes designees of the board authorized to act for the board.
- H. “Town clerk” means the clerk of the Town of Pine Lake, Oneida County, Wisconsin
- I. “Untagged” means a valid license tag is not attached to a collar that is kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors, unless the dog is securely confined by the owner in a fenced area or confined on the owner’s legal premise. (See Section VII. Dog License)
- J. “Wis. stats” means the Wisconsin Statutes, including successor provisions of cited statutes.

**SECTION V - SUBDIVISION AND NUMBERING OF THIS ORDINANCE**

This ordinance is divided into sections designated by uppercase Roman numerals. Sections may be divided into subsections designated by uppercase letters. Subsections may be divided into paragraphs designated by numbers. Paragraphs may be divided into subdivisions designated by lowercase letters. Subdivisions may be divided into subdivision paragraphs designated by lowercase Roman numerals. Reference to a “section,” “subsection,” “paragraph,” or “subdivision” includes all divisions of the referenced section, subsection, paragraph, or subdivision.

## **SECTION VI – RESTRICTIONS ON DOGS**

Except as provided in Section VII, no person may do any of the following:

- A. Allow any dog owned by that person to run at large in the town.
- B. Allow any dog owned by that person to be untagged in the town
- C. Allow any dog owned by that person to be abandoned in the town.
- D. Allow a dog or dogs on the legal premise of its owner to continue to frequently or habitually howl, yelp, bark or make other loud noises that serve to greatly annoy or disturb an adjacent owner or occupant of land or serve to greatly annoy or disturb any considerable number of persons within the town, as determined by the constable, town board, or its designees.

Upon receiving a complaint, the constable or town officer will contact/meet with the owner of the dog(s) and document on the Complaint and/or Warning Form. A second complaint will be documented on the Complaint and/or Warning Form and delivered to the owner of the dog(s) as a warning that if a third complaint is received it will result in a referral to the sheriff's department.

## **SECTION VII – EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTION VI COVERAGE**

- A. A dog that is actively engaged in the Town in a legal 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 in the Town that is open to hunting or land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or train a dog. Training may include dog trials or other dog related outdoor events occurring in the Town where these events have been approved by the Town Board, or its designees.
- B. A dog that is used by a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 165.83(1)(b), Wis. stats., in the Town to perform law enforcement functions is not considered to be running at large or untagged for purposes of this ordinance.

## **SECTION VIII – DOG LICENSE (from Oneida County Code Chapter 23 (23.07 Dog License))**

The Town of Pine Lake collects dog license fees as imposed by Oneida County and issues the dog tags.

The Town of Pine Lake Treasurer serves as the collecting official as designated in Oneida County Ordinance.

1. Dog License. Except as provided in 174.054, Wis. Stats., the owner of a dog more than five months of age on January 1 of any year or five months of age within the license year shall annually, on or before the date the dog becomes five months of age, pay the dog license tax of \$5 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$15 for intact dogs and obtain a dog license. Any license-eligible dog obtained during the license period or brought into the County must be licensed within 30 days of obtaining the animal or bringing the animal into the County. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December 31. Proof of rabies vaccination in the form of a signed certificate from a veterinarian (see 23.08 in county code) shall be presented at the time of licensing to the town treasurer issuing the license pursuant to 174.05 and 174.07, Wis. Stats. The licensing person (town treasurer) shall prepare a report to the County Clerk as prescribed in 174.08, Wis. Stats.
2. Multiple Dog License. A single owner having possession of five or more adult dogs may obtain a Multiple Dog License. Such owner shall pay the license tax as prescribed by the County pursuant to 174.053, Wis. Stats. Tags shall be issued for all dogs pursuant to 174.07 Wis. Stats. The animal owner or keeper shall keep at all times the multiple dog license tags attached to the collar of each dog over five months old.
3. Kennel. A person who keeps or operates a kennel may, instead of obtaining individual licenses for each dog, apply for a kennel license for the keeping or operating of the kennel. The kennel owner or keeper shall keep at all times a kennel license tag attached to the collar of each dog over five months old. Tags may be transferred from one dog to another whenever a dog is removed from the kennel.
4. Dog License Tag. After issuing the license and collecting the associated fee(s) the collecting official shall deliver to the owner a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license, the name of the County in which issued and the license year.

5. Dog License Tags to be Attached to Collar. The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar and a collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog for which the license is issued at all times but this requirement does not apply to a dog during competition or training, to a dog securely confined indoors, to a dog while hunting, to a dog securely confined to a fenced area or to a dog while actively involved in herding or controlling livestock if the dog is under the control of its owner.
6. Duplicate Dog License Tags. A new tag with a new number shall be furnished to the owner by the collecting official in place of the original tag upon presentation of the license. The collecting officer shall then endorse the new tag number on the license and shall keep a record on file.

**SECTION IX – TOWN AUTHORITY**

1. An authorized officer or employee of the town shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog running at large or any untagged dog.  
**The town board authorizes the following officers to act under this paragraph: Constable**
2. Any person, including town officers and employees, may take into custody any dog running at large in the town and shall contact the Constable to deliver to the Oneida County Humane Society (OCHS).
3. If the identity of the owner of a dog taken into custody under this ordinance is known or can be determined, the Constable may return the dog to the owner immediately. Or if unable to return, owner will be informed that the dog can be claimed by contacting Oneida County Humane Society (OCHS).
4. If the identity of the owner of a dog taken into custody under this ordinance is not known or cannot be determined with reasonable diligence, the dog shall be considered a stray dog and delivered to the Oneida County Humane Society (OCHS).
5. The town and Constable shall comply with Chapters 173 and 174, Wis. stats.
6. All persons in the town shall fully cooperate with the Constable regarding dogs in the town and shall answer frankly, fully, and truthfully all questions relative to dog ownership, possession, and keeping of a dog or dogs within the town.

**SECTION X – PENALTY PROVISIONS**

As provided by Oneida County Code Chapter 23.

**SECTION XI – SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

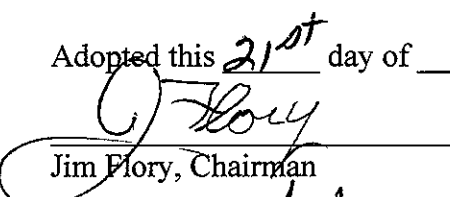
If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

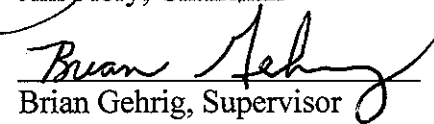
**SECTION XII – EFFECTIVE DATE**

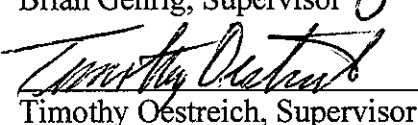
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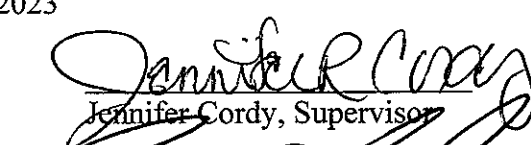
The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s.60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023

  
 Jim Flory, Chairman

  
 Brian Gehrig, Supervisor

  
 Timothy Oestreich, Supervisor

  
 Jennifer Cordy, Supervisor

  
 Ronald Lueneburg, Supervisor

Attest:   
 Cindy Skinner, Clerk