

7-1-6 Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals

(a) Restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Elk Mound to own, harbor, or keep any dog, cat or other animal 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.
(See Section 7-1-15.)
- (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) In the case of a dog, is unlicensed.
- (8) Is tied or leashed in a manner that prohibits or impairs the reading of utility meters.
- (9) Is permitted by its owner to run in dog packs.

(b) Unleashed Dogs or Other Animals Running at Large.

(1) No owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of any dog or other animal shall permit the same to be unleashed or unrestrained at any time said dog or other animal is not on the owner's, keeper's, harbinger's, or caretaker's property or premises and which is upon any public street, alley, right-of-way or any school ground, public park, cemetery or other public or private property without the permission of the owner or occupier of the property.

(2) A dog or other animal which is leashed or otherwise restrained by any device that is less than ten (10) feet in length, which is of sufficient strength to restrain and control said dog or other animal, and is held by a person competent to govern and control said animal who has obtained the age of ten (10) years or more, and is able to prevent said dog or animal from annoying or worrying pedestrians or from trespassing on private or public property. Furthermore, a dog or other animal is not unleashed or uncontrolled and at large if it is properly restrained within a motor vehicle.

(3) A service animal (as defined in Section 7-1-1) shall not be considered running at large whether or not the animal is on a leash if the animal is in the immediate company of the owner or immediately responds and obeys (e.g. a dog playing a game of "fetch" in a field or walking alongside its owner, a member of the owner's immediate family or the assisting individual of the service animals' owner).

- (4) Any person or entity who violates this Subsection(b) shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), together with any impoundment under Section 7-1-8. Each incident shall be considered a separate offense.
- (c) Owner's Liability for Damage Caused by Dogs or Other Animals; Penalties.
The provisions of Sec. 174.02, Wis. Stats., relating to the owner's liability for damage caused by dogs and other animals together with the penalties therein set forth are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) Animals Restricted on Public Grounds and Cemeteries. No dog or cat shall be permitted in any public playground, school grounds, public park, or swimming area within the Village. Dogs and cats are prohibited from being in cemeteries. All service animals shall be exempt from this Section.