

## CHAPTER 39 UNCONFINED DOGS

- 39.1 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Chapter is to establish regulations for the keeping or possessing, harboring, or having the care or charge of any dog within the Village of Vermontville.
- 39.2 DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:
- A. The term "persons" shall be construed to include persons, firms, corporations, agents, and employees.
  - B. The term "running at large" shall be construed to include any dog trespassing on private property, or the public streets, alleys, parks, parking lots, or other public property, while not on a leash or not confined in a motor vehicle.
  - C. The term "leash" shall be construed to mean that a dog must have securely attached to its collar a suitable leash, which leash shall be held by the person having immediate custody of such dog.
- 39.3 LICENSE REQUIRED.** Any persons owning, harboring, having the care of or charge of any dog over 4 (four) months old or older shall have said dog(s) licensed as provided by the State of Michigan or County of Eaton.
- 39.4 CONFINEMENT AND CONTROL STANDARDS.**
- A. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any person to keep, possess, harbor, or have the care or charge of any dog under the age of 4 (four) months or over within the Village of Vermontville unless such dog shall wear a collar with the official license tag as provided for by the laws of the State of Michigan, provided that this Chapter shall not apply to any dog being transported through the Village of Vermontville, if such dog has been taxed, at the residence of the owner.
  - B. It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or possessing, harboring, or having the care or charge of any dog to permit said dog to be on the streets, alleys, parks, parking lots, sidewalks, or other property, unless on a leash in the immediate custody of a person of suitable age and discretion.
  - C. It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or possessing, harboring, or having the care or charge of any dog to permit running at large.
  - D. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing, harboring, or having charge of any dog known to be dangerous to persons, to permit or allow said dog to be unconfined.
  - E. No person shall own, keep, possess, or have charge of any dog, which by loud barking, howling, or yelping, becomes a nuisance in the neighborhood in which said dog is kept.
  - F. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing, or having the charge of any dog, either licensed or unlicensed, to permit it to destroy or damage property of other persons or to trespass on other persons' property.

- G. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or any person having control of any dog to pick up and dispose of any feces from the dog while under his or her control and while in any park, or on village or private property including, but not limited to, the sidewalks or parkways within the Village of Vermontville.

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- 39.5 Any dog running at large may be seized by the appropriate authorized official(s).
- 39.6 Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as conferring on any private individual the right to harm, injure, or kill, any dog whose owner or persons having charge of the same from this Chapter.
- 39.7 Any kennel operation in the Village shall be approved prior to operation in accord with the special land use requirements of the Village of Vermontville Zoning Ordinance.
- 39.8 Penalties:** Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty upon conviction of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 together with the cost of prosecution thereof or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

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