

**BARTON HILLS VILLAGE  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 14**

*[AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS]*

BARTON HILLS VILLAGE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively designated for each:

- (1) "Own". To have possession or a right of property in an animal or to permit a dog to remain on one's premises five (5) days or more.
- (2) "Noise Nuisance". Barking, howling or making other sounds, frequently or for a continued duration, which annoys, endangers, injures or disturbs a person of normal sensitivities on premises other than that occupied by the owner of the animal.
- (3) "Dangerous Animal". An animal which bites, chases, menaces, or in any way injures people, or which repeatedly damages property of persons other than the owner.
- (4) "Under Reasonable Control". A dog which is:
  - (a) Secured by a leash held by the owner or the owner's agent;
  - (b) Secured by a leash which is attached to a stationary object and attended by the owner or the owner's agent; or
  - (c) On the premises of the owner or confined in a vehicle.

SECTION 2. VIOLATIONS. The owner of any dog or other animal shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance if:

- (1) The dog is at any time not under reasonable control;
- (2) The animal causes a noise nuisance;
- (3) The animal is dangerous;
- (4) The dog is over 6 months old and is not currently licensed or is not wearing a license tag issued pursuant to law.
- (5) The animal has symptoms of rabies or has bitten or been bitten by another animal showing symptoms of rabies and the owner fails to notify a Village Police Officer of that fact.

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SECTION 3. AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS. Village Police Officers shall have the authority to:

- (1) Impound any dog not under reasonable control;
- (2) Impound any dog which has bitten a person;
- (3) Impound any dangerous animal;
- (4) Humanely kill any domestic or wild animal when such action is needed to protect persons or property or to prevent suffering by the animal;
- (5) Impound any unlicensed dog;
- (6) Impound any animal causing a noise nuisance;
- (7) Impound any animal showing symptoms of rabies or which has bitten or been bitten by another animal showing symptoms of rabies.

SECTION 4. IMPOUNDING AND RELEASE PROCEDURES

- (1) Animals impounded pursuant to this Ordinance shall be confined at such animal shelter or veterinary hospital which shall arrange with the Village to perform confinement and release procedures established by this Ordinance.
- (2) Animals impounded for biting a person or because they are suspected of having rabies shall be confined for ten days to determine whether or not they have rabies.
- (3) Animals impounded pursuant to this Ordinance may be released to the owners, after any required confinement period, upon the following conditions:
  - (a) Payment to the Village of a fee of \$25.00;
  - (b) Payment of a boarding fee of \$4.00 on the first day or fractional day and \$3.00 for each subsequent day or fractional day or such other fees as the Village Council may establish by resolution;
  - (c) Presentation of proof that the animal has been inoculated and licensed if such is required by law.
- (4) If the owner of an animal does not obtain its release within four days of the time it was impounded or at the end of a rabies confinement, it may be disposed of or sold. If

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such animal has a license or other indication of the name and address of the owner, the disposal or sale may occur only after 7 days from the time the owner is notified of the impoundment.

**SECTION 5. ALTERNATIVE CONFINEMENT.**

(1) Where this Ordinance provides that an animal be impounded and confined for rabies control or rabies examination, the Chief of Police may issue a written confinement order on the following terms:

- (a) The owner shall securely confine the animal for ten (10) days at the owner's premises or at a veterinary hospital as specified in the order;
- (b) If confined at the owner's premises the animal shall be kept within the dwelling, or, when outside, be securely chained;
- (c) The owner shall pay the Village a ten (\$10.00) dollar inspection fee;
- (d) If the animal dies, its remains shall be examined by a veterinarian and the report of said examination presented to the Village Chief of Police.

**SECTION 6. INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE OFFICER.** No person shall willfully interfere with a Police Officer who is attempting to perform the functions specified by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. PENALTY.** Violation of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance will be effective in Barton Hills Village after publication of this Ordinance in accordance with the Charter of the Village.

Adopted: November 12, 1984  
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Effective: November 15, 1984

Nancy R. Willmarth, Clerk  
Elizabeth Langford, President