

itle: Ordinance to regulate dogs

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

TOWN OF LAGRANGE

WALWORTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-05

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE DOGS

The Town Board of the Town of LaGrange repeals and recreates this Ordinance regulating dogs as follows:

#### SECTION 1. LICENSE REQUIRED

All persons owning, harboring, or possessing a dog over five (5) months old in the Town of LaGrange shall annually obtain a license from the Town treasurer. The license fee shall be established by the Town Board by motion. Such fee may be different for spayed and neutered animals and for male and female dogs. Every dog specially trained to lead blind, deaf and mobility impaired persons shall be exempt from the fee and received an free annual license from the treasurer.

#### SECTION 2. LICENSE TAG DISPLAYED.

The treasurer shall issue a license tag for each licensed dog, such tag shall be displayed upon the dog's collar, leash or harness at all times the dog is not on the private property of the owner or person keeping such dog.

#### SECTION 3. RESTRICTIONS ON KEEPING DOGS

No person shall permit any dogs he or she owns, harbors or keeps to:

Run at large off the premises of the owner or keeper without being under the control of the owner or keeper; or

Habitually bark, howl or yelp to the great discomfort of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities.

#### SECTION 4. DOG LITTER

The owner or caretakers of a dog shall immediately, after deposit of fecal matter on any road, public property or upon a property other than property owned or occupied by the dog owner or caretaker, remove all canine fecal matter by shovel, scoop, bag or similar method and wrap and deposit the fecal matter in a proper waste container.

#### SECTION 5. PENALTY

Each violation is subject to a minimum forfeiture of \$25 and a maximum forfeiture of \$100 plus costs and assessments and up to 5 days in the County Jail for failure to pay.

#### SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT AND BOND

This ordinance may be enforced by a Town of LaGrange Police Officer issuing a citation pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 66.0113 Stats., as amended from time to time. The amount of the bond shall be \$25 to assure the person's appearance in court. The bond shall be forfeited for failure to appear in court.

Adopted by the Town Board of LaGrange on the 8th day of November, 2004.

Attest:

Crystal Hoffmann, Clerk

Town Board:

David Heilmeier, Chair

Richard Callaway, Supervisor

Donald Sukala, Supervisor

Ann Lohrmann, Supervisor

Frank Taylor, Supervisor