

VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
CONTROLLING DOGS ORDINANCE
Ordinance 52

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

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

- A. "Own"; to have a right of property in a dog; to keep or harbor a dog or to have a dog in ones care or possession.
- B. "Reasonable Control"; A dog shall be deemed to be under reasonable control when such dog is on the premises of its owner or when such dog, not being on the premises of its owner, is with and under the control of its owner, his agent, or some member of the owner's family.
- C. "Not Under Reasonable Control"; A dog shall be deemed to be not under reasonable control when such dog, not being on the premises of its owner, is not with or under the control of its owner, his agent or some member of the owner's family, or when such dog commits damage to the person or property of anyone other than its owner, except when in the defense of its owner, his family or property.

SECTION 2 REQUIRING THAT DOGS BE LICENSED

It shall be unlawful for any person to own any dog over the age of six (6) months, within the Village of Mattawan, that does not have a valid license tag.

SECTION 3 PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, in the Village of Mattawan, to allow such dog to stray beyond the premises of such owner unless under reasonable control. Further, it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog not to have such dog under reasonable control at all times.

SECTION 4 BARKING DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain a dog in the Village of Mattawan which, by loud and frequent barking, howling, yelping, growling, or any other noise, which causes unreasonable annoyance or disturbance to any of the people within the immediate vicinity. (Ord. 52, eff. 6-1980, amended by Ord. 125, eff. 10-26-92).

SECTION 5 DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

Any person who shall have in their possession a dog which has bitten any person or animal, or which has or is suspected of having rabies, shall upon demand of the Village Police Department surrender said dog to the Village Police Department or confine said dog as instructed by the Public Health department of Van Buren County, to be held for such observation and/or treatment as deemed necessary by the Public Health Department.

Any and all costs for confinement of said dog shall be the owner's responsibility.

SECTION 6 YARD CLEANLINESS

Yards and exercise dog runs shall be maintained in a sanitary manner to avoid nuisances due to odor or attraction of flies and vermin.

SECTION 7 SANITATION – PUBLIC PROPERTY

No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance on any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without permission of the owner of said property unless: THE PERSON WHO OWNS SUCH DOG SHALL IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ALL DROPPINGS DEPOSITED BY SUCH DOG BY ANY SANITARY METHOD.

SECTION 8 ENFORCEMENT

It shall be the duty of the Village of Mattawan Police Department to enforce this Ordinance.

SECTION 9 PENALTIES

\$50.00 plus costs, payable to the Village of Mattawan General Fund.

SECTION 10 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed. (Ord. 52, eff. 6-1980, amended by Ord. 125, eff. 10-26-92).