

VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS

CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 6

ANIMAL CONTROL

6.01 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

a. Owner shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firms or association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring an animal or animals on the premises to which the animal returns or is kept for ten (1) consecutive days or more.

b. At Large shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of their immediate family, either by leash, chain or otherwise.

c. Kennel shall be intended to mean any person, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of breeding, buying or selling or keeping animals for profit.

a. Animal shall mean any dog, cat, fish, fowl, reptile, mammal or any other fauna of whatever variety domesticated or wild.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.02 DOG LICENSES AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All dogs shall be licensed. Licenses shall be issued by the Village of Solon Springs for the fee as established by Douglas County. The dog owner shall provide the name, breed, color, sex and the date, manufacturer

and serial number of the dog's last rabies vaccination of each dog owned or kept by the individual, company or corporation.

The revisions of this section shall not be intended to apply to dogs whose owner are non-residents temporarily within the Village of Solon Springs, or to dogs brought into the Village for the purpose of participating in any show, or to "seeing eye" dogs, etc.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.03 KENNEL LICENSE

Anyone maintaining a kennel shall have a kennel license. The fee for a kennel license shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year, with the license to be renewed by the 31st of December of each year.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.04 CARE OF ANIMALS

Every animal owner shall treat their animals in a humane manner and give the animal or animals adequate food, water and reasonable care.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.05 TAG AND COLLAR REQUIRED FOR DOGS

Upon payment of the license fee, the Village of Solon Springs shall issue to the owner an annual license certificate and a metallic tag for each dog so licensed, stamped with the year for which it was issued with the number on the certificate.

Each owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In a case where a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Village of Solon Springs, without a charge. Dog tags shall not be transferred from one dog to another, and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.06 TAG AND COLLAR REQUIRED FOR CATS

To resolve the stray cat problems in the Village of Solon Springs, the Village Board requires that all owners of cats in the Village of Solon Springs must attach an identification tag to a collar or ribbon, etc. that is located around the cat's neck.

If a cat is found in the Village by a Village Official that does not have an identification tag attached to a collar or ribbon, etc. around their neck the cat shall be picked up.

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6.07 RUNNING AT LARGE REGULATED

No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of their animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous or untimely barking, running, unleashed or unrestrained off the owner's property, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds or upon private property shall be deemed a nuisance. Such an animal may be declared a public nuisance as per Chapter 4, section 19 of the Village of Solon Springs Code of Ordinances, with its owner subject to penalty provisions as set for in Chapter 10 of the Village of Solon Springs Code of Ordinances.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.08 AIDING AND ABETTING ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED

No person within the Village of Solon Springs shall aid or abet an animal running at large by feeding, watering, or otherwise provided care to such an animal running at large. Any offence under this section shall be

subject to penalties as set for in Chapter 10 of the Village of Solon Springs Code of Ordinances.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.09 IMPOUNDING

Unrestrained animals may be taken by any Law Enforcement Officer, any Village of Solon Springs Official or Employee, any official of the Douglas County Humane Society or any other person as designated by one of the previous mentioned officials, and impounded and confined in a humane manner. If an animal may be identified by a tag or otherwise, the official holding the dog shall immediately notify the owner of the impoundment of the animal. Animals not claimed by their owners within seven (7) days shall be humanely disposed of by the official or an agency to exercise that authority.

If an animal is impounded, that animal may not be released to the owner or the owner's representative until a license is obtained for the animal, proof of rabies vaccination is provided and an impoundment fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is paid.

The Official upon picking up any animal shall make a complete report, entering the type of animal and circumstances of the pickup.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.10 NOTICE TO OWNER AND REDEMPTION

Immediately upon the impounding of any animal, the owner shall be notified, or if the owner of the animal is unknown, written notice shall be posted for five (5) days at the three locations where the Village of Solon Springs is known to post notices. Such notice will describe the animal and the time and place of taking. The owner of any animal so impounded may reclaim such animal upon payment of the license fee if unpaid, and all costs and charges incurred by the Village of Solon Springs for impounding and maintenance of said animal. Charges shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) for impoundment and five dollars (\$5.00) per day for impoundment, plus any additional cost incurred.

If at the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of notice to owner or posting of the notice, such animal shall not have been reclaimed, it may be destroyed. Any unlicensed animal required by law to be licensed, or any animal which is suffering from rabies, hydrophobia, mange, or other infectious or dangerous disease shall not be released, but may forthwith be destroyed.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.11 CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN ANIMALS

No animal of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensities and no female animal in heat, whether licensed or not, shall be allowed to run at large or upon the premises of one other than the owner. If any such animal is found running at large, it shall be picked up and impounded, and shall not be released except upon payment of fees as provided above. However, if a dangerous, fierce or vicious animal so found at large cannot be safely taken up and impounded, such animal may be slain by any law enforcement officer or Village official or designee.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.12 MUZZLING

Whenever it becomes necessary to safeguard the public from the dangers of hydrophobia, the Village Board, if they deem it necessary, shall issue a proclamation ordering every person owning or keeping a dog to confine it securely on their premises unless such dog shall have a muzzle of sufficient strength to prevent it from biting any person. Any un-muzzled dog running at large during the time of the proclamation shall be seized and impounded, unless noticeably infected with rabies and displaying vicious

propensities shall be killed by a Law Enforcement Office, Village Official or its designee.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.13 RABIES – NOTICE

If an animal is believed to have rabies or has been bitten by an animal suspected of having rabies, or has bitten or attacked any person, such animal shall be confined as soon as possible thereafter to be released to the Humane Society and placed under the observation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner for a period of ten (10) days.

It is hereby made the duty of the owner of every animal known to have been exposed to rabies or who has bitten any person to immediately notify a Village Official or Law Enforcement Officer of such fact and to release said animal to the Village Official or Law Enforcement Officer upon demand.

Adopted July 27, 2004.

6.14 LIVESTOCK PROHIBITED

(1) All livestock, horses, cows, hogs, chickens, sheep, etc. are prohibited on any Village street, any public highway or public and private property within the corporate limits of the Village of Solon Springs.

(2) The Village Board may authorize livestock on public streets for special events such as parades for the duration of the event only.

Any property owner failing to comply shall be subject to penalties as outlined in Chapter 9 of the Village of Solon Springs Code of Ordinances.

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