

Sec. 7-1-6 Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals.

- (a) **Restrictions.** It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Fall River to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat which:
- (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
 - (2) Assaults or attacks any person or destroys property.
 - (3) Is at large within the limits of the Village.
 - (4) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons. (See Section 7-1-12.)
 - (5) Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
 - (6) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
 - (7) In the case of a dog, is unlicensed.
- (b) **Vicious Dogs and Animals.**
- (1) No vicious dog shall be allowed off the premises of its owner unless muzzled or on a leash in charge of the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family over sixteen (16) years of age. For purposes of enforcing this Section, a dog shall be deemed as being of a vicious disposition if, within any twelve (12) month period it bites two (2) or more persons or inflicts serious injury to one (1) person in unprovoked circumstances off the owner's premises.
 - (2) No person shall harbor or permit to remain on his premises any animal that is habitually inclined toward attacking persons or animals, destroying property, barking excessively or making excessive noises or running after automobiles.
- (c) **Animals Running at Large.**
- (1) No person having in his possession or ownership any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the Village. The owner of any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall keep his animal tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow said animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large unlicensed and required by state law or Village Ordinance to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by a humane or law enforcement officer or animal warden.
 - (2) A dog or cat shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash not to exceed ten (10) feet in length and under control of a person physically able to control it when the animal is off of the owner's premises.
- (d) **Animals Restricted on Public Grounds and Cemeteries.** No dog or cat shall be permitted in any public playground, school grounds, public park, beach, or swimming area within the Village unless such dog or cat is on a leash and under control. Dogs and cats are prohibited from being in cemeteries. Every dog specially trained to lead blind persons shall be exempt from this Section.
- (e) **Owner's Liability for Damage Caused by Dogs; Penalties.** The provisions of Sec. 174.02, Wis. Stats., relating to the owner's liability for damage caused by dogs together with the penalties therein set forth are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.