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DOGS

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12-1-1: DEFINITIONS:

As used in this ordinance:

- A. **“Dog”** shall be intended to mean both male and female animals of the canine species.
- B. **“Owner”** Shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.
- C. **“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 his immediate family either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.
- D. **“Kennel”** shall be intended to mean an area in which three (3) or more dogs which have been weaned are kept on the same premises. (Amd. by Ord. No. 0-6-82-8-2)

12-1-2: LICENSE AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

A. All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the Village of Sheffield shall be annually licensed with and registered with the County of Bureau, Animal Control. The provisions of this section shall not be intended to apply to dogs whose owners are non-residents temporarily within the Village, nor to dogs brought into the Village for the purpose of participating in any dog show, nor to “seeing-eye” dogs properly trained to assist blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place. (Amd. by Ord. No.111901-02)

12-1-3: DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED:

No person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog shall cause or permit such animal to run at large within the Village. All dogs within the Village shall be kept confined within an enclosure or be kept confined by a chain or on a leash not to exceed six feet in length, in such manner as to prevent the biting of any person or animal.

12-1-4: CONFINEMENT, WARNING OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS:

No person shall own, keep, or harbor a dangerous or vicious dog or other animal within the Village, unless such person shall keep such dog or animal safely and securely confined so as to protect from injury any person or child who shall lawfully come on the premises in the vicinity where such dog or animal may be located. Adequate warning by signs, or otherwise shall be given to all persons lawfully coming upon the premises in the vicinity of any such vicious or dangerous dog or animal which may be confined as aforesaid.

12-1-5: ANIMALS DISTURBING THE PEACE:

It shall be unlawful for the owner or persons in charge or control of any dog or other animal or any

person who has the authority or power to prevent same, to suffer or permit any such dog or other animal by barking, howling, crying, or other distressing or loud or unusual noise to disturb the peace or quiet of any place or neighborhood or family or person in the Village. The disturbing of the peace or quiet of any such place or neighborhood or family or person in said Village by any such dog or other animal is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any such nuisance to exist.

12-1-6: IMPOUNDING OF DOGS:

Any dog found running at large within the Village may be impounded with a licensed veterinarian.

12-1-7: NOTICE OF OWNER AND REDEMPTION:

Not later than six (6) days after the impounding of any dog the owner shall be notified, or if the owner of the dog is unknown, written notice shall be posted for six (6) days at three (3) or more conspicuous places in the Village describing the dog and the place and time of taking. The owner of any dog so impounded may reclaim such dog upon payment of the license fee, (if unpaid) and all costs or charges incurred by the Village for impounding and maintenance of said dog. The following charges shall be paid to the Village Clerk: for impounding any dog, for keeping any dog, and for giving notice.

(Amd. by Ord. No. 0-6-82-8-2)

12-1-8: DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED OR INFECTED DOGS:

It shall be the duty of the veterinarian to keep all dogs so impounded for a period of six (6) days. If at the expiration of six (6) days from the date of notice to the owner or the posting of notice such dog shall not have been redeemed, it may be destroyed. Any dog which appears to be suffering from rabies or affected with hydrophobia, mange, or other infectious or dangerous disease shall not be released but may be forthwith destroyed.

12-1-9: RABIES: NOTICE:

If a dog is believed to have rabies or has been bitten by a dog suspected of having rabies, such dog shall be confined by a leash or chain on the owner's premises and shall be placed under the observation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner for a period of two (2) weeks. The owner shall notify a veterinarian of the fact that his dog has been exposed to rabies and at his discretion the veterinarian is empowered to have such dog removed from the owner's premises to a veterinary hospital and there placed under observation for a period of two (2) weeks at the expense of the owner.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowing or suspecting a dog has rabies to allow such dog to be taken off his premises or beyond the limits of the Village without written permission of the veterinarian. Every owner, or other person, upon ascertaining a dog is rabid shall immediately notify a veterinarian or a policeman who shall either remove the dog to the pound or summarily destroy it.

12-1-10: OFFENSIVE, DECAYING ANIMAL:

It shall be unlawful for any person having the ownership or control of any animal matter which is in the process of decay or is offensive or dangerous to the public health within the Village to permit the same to be, or remain while in such condition, within the Village for more than twelve (12) hours.

12-1-11: PENALTIES:

Any registered owner of any animal living within the Village of Sheffield, Illinois, upon conviction for violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon a first offense, be fined an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five and 00/100ths (\$75.00) Dollars, plus kennel cost of Twenty-Five and 00/100ths (\$25.00) Dollars per day. A conviction for a second offense for a violation of this chapter, occurring within the same year, shall result in a fine not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five and 00/100ths (\$125.00) Dollars, plus kennel costs of Twenty-Five and 00/100ths (\$25.00) Dollars per day.

(Amd. by Ord. No. 02-03-26-01)

12-1-12: SEPARABILITY:

It is the intention of the Village Board that each separate provision of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is further the intention of the Village Board that

if any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

12-1-13: ORDINANCES REPEALED:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

12-1-14: EFFECTIVE DATE:

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