

## ORDINANCE NO. 23

An Ordinance to Prohibit the Running at Large of Dogs Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Decatur, Michigan, and to Provide for the Impounding and Disposing of Dogs Found Running at Large.

### THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

Sec. 1. That the running at large of dogs within the corporate limits of the Village of Decatur, Michigan, constitutes a public nuisance and the same is hereby strictly prohibited.

Sec. 2 That all dogs within the corporate limits of the Village of Decatur, Michigan, shall be confined to the premises of their owners or custodians, except when accompanied by and under the control of their owners or custodians.

Sec. 3. Impounding: That the Village Marshall shall take into the custody and control all dogs found running at large on the thoroughfares of said Village not accompanied by, nor under the control of, their owners or custodians and shall impound said dogs in kennels to be provided for such purpose.

Sec. 4. Notice: If any such impounded dog bears a license tag or the name of the owner inscribed on a collar worn by said dog, the Marshall shall, within twenty-four hours of such impounding, give notice to the owner or custodian of such dog that he or she may recover said dog by paying to said Marshall an impounding fee of \$1.00 and that if same is not paid within 72 hours from the time of such impounding, that said dog will be either sold to any person willing to pay such fee and to procure a license for such dog if the same is not already licensed, or that said dog will be killed and disposed of. The Notice aforesaid may be either oral personal notice, or by mail addressed to the owner or custodian, if known.

Sec. 5. If dogs impounded under this Ordinance are not recovered by their owners or custodians or sold as herein provided for, they shall be killed by the Village Marshal in a humane manner, within one week from the time of impounding.

Sec. 6. Fees & Maintenance: The Village Marshall shall keep a record of all impounded dogs and of all impounding fees and forthwith forward them to the Village Clerk for deposit in the General Fund of said Village. The cost of maintaining said dog pound shall be paid out of the General Fund of said Village.

Sec. 7. Penalty: any person, either owner or custodian, who willfully permits their dog to run at large within the Village of Decatur contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$10.00 and the costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the village or County Jail for a period not to exceed ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

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