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OTTER TAIL MINNESOTA

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May, 2005 at 8:30 am/pm
Wendy L. Metcalf, County Recorder
by: Judy Sumpter Deputy
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Judy Sumpter
24233 Allen Lane
Pelican 56572

TITLE:
THE DUNN TOWNSHIP CANINE CONTROL ORDINANCE

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Dunn, Otter Tail County, State of Minnesota does ordain: by a hearing being held and authorization of electors made at the Annual Meeting March 8, 2005, and a board motion made at the April 11th, 2005 meeting, Dunn Township has established a Canine Ordinance to be known as **The Dunn Township Canine Control Ordinance** written as follows:

Section 1. Definitions

- A. **Owner.** "Owner" means any person, firm or corporation owning, harboring or in charge of keeping a dog.
- B. **At Large.** "At Large" means off the premises of the owner when not on a leash and kept under the individual restraint of an accompanying person.

Section 2. Dogs at Large

No person shall permit any dog of which he is the owner, caretaker or custodian to be at large within Dunn Township.

Section 3. Manner of Keeping

- A. No person shall keep a dog in Dunn Township in an unsanitary place or condition or in a manner resulting in objectionable odors or in such a way as to constitute a nuisance or disturbance by reason of barking, howling, fighting or other noise or in such a way as to permit the dog to annoy, injure or endanger any person or property.
- B. Every structure and yard in which dogs are kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

Section 4. Dog Nuisance

The owner or custodian of any dog shall prevent the dog from committing any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog to habitually or frequently bark or cry, to frequent public beaches, to chase vehicles, to run at large, to molest or annoy any person away from the property of his owner or custodian, or to damage, defile or destroy public or private property. The owner or person charged with the care of a dog shall immediately pick up and remove for proper disposal, any feces left on public or private property while walking or exercising their dog(s). Failure of the owner or custodian of a dog to prevent the dog from committing such a nuisance is a violation of this ordinance.

Section 5. Quarantine of Certain Dogs

Any dog which bites a person is potentially dangerous and shall be quarantined as determined by state statutes, i.e. MN Statute 347.22 for such time as may be directed by the poundmaster, with the advice of a licensed veterinarian. During quarantine the dog shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animal. At the discretion of the poundmaster, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner; however, if the poundmaster requires other confinement, the owner shall surrender the dog for the quarantine period to an animal shelter or shall, at his own expense, place it in a veterinary hospital.

Section 6.

Tag

For the protection of the dog owner, it is advised that a metal tag be permanently affixed to the collar of the dog in such a manner that the tag may be easily seen. The tag should identify the owner or custodian by name, address and phone number.

Section 7.

Enforcement

Any dog in violation of this ordinance may be impounded pursuant to Section 9.

Section 8.

Dog Pound and Canine Control Officer

The town board shall, from time to time, designate a place as dog pound where suitable arrangements are made for keeping and maintaining any dog which may be seized or taken into custody by any officer of the township, pursuant to this ordinance. The town board shall, from time to time, appoint an official dog catcher and poundmaster, who shall have the authority of a police officer of the township insofar as necessary or proper in the enforcement of this ordinance. Such dog catcher and poundmaster shall subscribe and oath and give such bond as the town board may determine. They shall have such compensation as the town board shall determine.

Section 9.

Impounding

- A. The canine control officer or any police officer or deputy sheriff may impound any dog found in violation of this ordinance. Any dog impounded shall be immediately delivered to the poundmaster who shall give written notice of the impounding to the owner of the dog or if the owner is unknown or cannot be found, the poundmaster shall post notice of the impounding in one or more conspicuous places, i.e. The Dunn Town Hall, Weckworth Animal Hospital and Lakeland General Store. The notice shall describe the dog by sex, color and breed, and shall include a statement that if the dog is not redeemed on or before a specific date, which shall be not less than five days after giving notice, the dog will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.
- B. Any impounded dog may be redeemed by the owner within five days from the date of the notice by paying an impounding fee of \$25 the first time, \$50 the second time, \$100 the third time and Court the fourth time, plus the daily boarding charge for each day after the first day. A rabid dog may not be redeemed but shall be destroyed immediately.
- C. Any impounded dog not redeemed within the five days notice of impounding may be sold. Any impounded dog not redeemed or sold shall be humanely disposed of by the poundmaster.
- D. Whenever any person owning, possessing, or harboring any dog shall learn that the dog has bitten any human being, the person shall immediately impound the dog in a place of confinement where it cannot escape or have access to any human being or other animal, and shall also immediately notify the poundmaster.

Established this 26 Day of April 2005



Merle Miller
Merle Miller, Chairman
Dunn Township Board

Attest: Judy Sumpter
Judy Sumpter, Clerk

1002861

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I hereby certify that this instrument # 1002861

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May 2006 at 9:00 am/pm

Wendy L. Metcalf, County Recorder

by: Wendy Metcalf Deputy

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ADDITION TO THE
DUNN TOWNSHIP
CANINE ORDINANCE

The Town Board of Dunn does ordain:

That the Dunn Township Canine Control Ordinance shall add the following section to the ordinance concerning costs incurred and it shall read as follows:

Section 10. Costs Incurred

- A. Any expenses incurred by the Canine Control Officer in handling any calls concerning a dog at large shall be billed to the dogs owner.
- B. The Canine Control Officer when invoicing the township shall provide Dunn Township with the owners name, phone number and address if possible.
- C. The Clerk shall then invoice the owner of the dog the charges paid to the Canine Control Officer and any other charges incurred concerning the handling of the matter. Any food, phone calls, mileage for transporting, and any other misc. expenses incurred.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective and enforceable on the day following publication.

This addition to our Canine Control Ordinance was adopted on May 8, 2006 by the following vote:

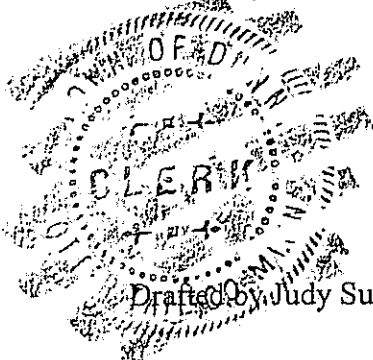
AYES: Merle Miller, Wayne Olson, Mike Johnson

NAYS: None

Passed by the Town Board of Dunn Township on this 8 day of May, 2006

Approved by: Merle Miller
Merle Miller, Chairman

Attested to by: Judy Sumpter
Judy Sumpter, Town Clerk



Drafted by Judy Sumpter, Clerk-24233 Allen Lane-Pelican Rapids, MN 56572