

Memo

To: Village Board
From: Chris Clark, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry
Re: Amending Ordinance 6.06
Date: June 7, 2016

Background Information:

During the update to the Village Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the Parks Department received a multitude of comments through the community survey stating that Allouez is not a pet friendly community and that they don't understand why pets are not allowed in parks. The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee has been discussing this issue for the past three months and determined that amending the current ordinance to allow pets on leash in parks would be a step toward becoming a more pet friendly community.

Staff currently witnesses many violations to our current ordinance of individuals walking through parks with their pets on leash. Amending the ordinance as proposed will allow for this activity.

As an educational component to allowing this activity, staff is planning to disseminate further information on proper pet waste etiquette as well as why some areas of parks would still be off limits to pets.

Previous Information/Action:

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee recommended the Village Board amend Ordinance 6.06 as presented (see attachment Current Ordinance 6.06 Redlined) May 24, 2016 committee meeting.

Budget Item/Funding:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Village Board amend the ordinance as recommended by the Committee.

Attachments:

- Current Ordinance 6.06 Redlined
- Ordinance No. 2016-08



- B. Tax. For licensing taxes, refer to Section 8.01. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December 31. Every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf person or to provide support of mobility-impaired is exempt from the dog license tax but must be licensed, and every person owning such a dog shall receive annually a free dog license from the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- C. Late Fees. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee as outlined in Section 8.01 (2) from every owner of a dog five (5) months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license:
- (1) prior to April 1 of each year, or
 - (2) within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog, or
 - (3) on or before the day the dog attained the age of five (5) months.
- D. Issuance of Licenses and Collar Tags.
- (1) Issuance of Licenses. Upon payment of the required dog license tax, when required, and the presentation of appropriate evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for the dog bearing a serial number and in the form prescribed by the State of Wisconsin stating the date of its expiration, the owner's name and address, and the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed, and color of the dog. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a duplicate copy of the license on file.
 - (2) Collar Tags. After issuing the license, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall deliver to the owner a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license and specifying the license year. The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar, and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog to which the license is issued at all times; but this requirement does not apply to a show during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors, or to a dog securely confined to a fenced area. In the event of loss or damage, a replacement tag shall be furnished to the owner by the Village Clerk-Treasurer in place of the original tag upon presentation of the license and payment of a fee as outlined in Section 8.01 (3). The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall then endorse the new tag number on the license and keep a record on file.

6.06. DOGS AND CATS IN PARKS OR ON PREMISES OTHER THAN THAT OF THE OWNER.

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without having said animal restrained at all times by a leash no more than six feet (6') in length (Subs.6.06(C)). Pets shall not be allowed in park buildings, playgrounds, picnic areas, or sport fields. Exceptions: 1. Service animals that are ADA qualified and trained are allowed as needed; 2. Special event purposes with the approval of the Village; 3. Goose Patrol with permit; 4. Authorization from the Village.

No person owning or in possession of any dog or cat shall suffer or permit such dog or cat to enter or remain within the area of any park, parkway, or other land owned or under lease to the Village for recreational purposes, or upon any unpaved portion lying within the boundaries of any public street, except for the purpose of travel.

Exception: Dogs are allowed on the East River Trail, starting east of the Green Isle tennis courts and following the East River south to the Village limits at Le Brun Road.

It is unlawful for any person who has custody of a dog, cat, or other animal to permit such animal to defecate upon any property other than that of its owner or custodian unless the custodian immediately thereafter cleans up and removes such animal excreta from such property.

No person who has custody of a dog, cat, or other animal shall walk or escort such animal off the property of the owner or custodian unless the person is in possession of equipment to clean up any defecation which may be deposited by such animal.

- C. Any animal allowed to leave the boundaries of the property of the owner or custodian shall be under the immediate control of a person by means of a rope, chain, cord or leash which is not more than (6) six feet in length and which is of sufficient strength to control the actions of the animal.
- D. No person having in his possession or under his control any animal, shall allow the same to threaten to attack individuals who are passing or present on public or private walkways or property unless restrained by a solid fence sufficient to contain the animal.

6.07 (NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS - moved on 10/15/13 to 6.12)

6.08 NUISANCE ANIMALS.

Whereas animals, birds, and reptiles may have propensities to or may otherwise cause noise or odor, or perform actions which may disturb persons in the reasonable use and enjoyment of property, or cause annoyance, discomfort or injury to the health or welfare of persons, the keeping of any animal, bird or reptile in conflict with any provision of this chapter is declared to be a public nuisance, and such animal, bird or reptile may be impounded as provided by law.

6.09 ANIMALS SUSPECTED OF BITING PEOPLE.

- A. All incidents occurring in the Village where any animal bites a person or is suspected of biting a person shall be immediately reported to the Brown County Health Department or to the Brown County Sheriff's Department by any person having knowledge of such incident.
- B. Any animal which bites a person in the Village, if it can be found, shall be quarantined for 14 days from the date of the

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 6.06A OF CHAPTER 6, DOGS AND CATS IN PARKS OR ON PREMISES OTHER THAN THAT OF THE OWNER, RELATING TO ALLOWING PETS WITHIN VILLAGE PARKS ON LEASH

SECTION 1. The Village Board of the Village of Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin, does ordain that Sections 6.06A be amended to read as follows:

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A. No person owning or in possession of any dog, cat, or domestic pet shall suffer or permit such pet to enter or remain within the area of any park, parkway, or other land owned or under lease to the Village for recreational purposes, or upon any unpaved portion lying within the boundaries of any public street, without having said animal restrained at all times by a leash no more than (6) six feet in length (§6.06 (C)). Pets shall not be allowed in park buildings, playgrounds, picnic areas, or sport fields.

Exceptions:

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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Approved and adopted this 7th day of June, 2016.

James F. Rafter, Village President

ATTEST:

Debra M. Baenen, Village Clerk

DATE OF PUBLICATION:
