

MEMO

To: Village Board

From: Brad Lange

Re: Instituting a Cat License

I had a meeting with Mike Lauder, Code Enforcement Officer and Monica Hoff, Animal Control/Humane Officer regarding changes needed to our Dangerous Dog code and during that discussion the issue of the number of calls relating to cats was discussed. Our Code Enforcement Officer receives several calls relating to cats roaming neighborhoods, cats seen going in and out of windows and defecating in yards. The Animal Control/Humane Officer receives similar calls and sometimes will set up traps to catch roaming cats. If the cat is determined to be feral, the cat is then neutered and released, which is a program (Cat-Trap, Neuter, Release Program) that was introduced a few years ago.

Based on our discussion, it is recommended we institute a cat license fee to help off-set the rising costs of animal control. The recommendation is to establish an annual license fee of \$5.00 for a cat that is spayed/neutered and a \$60.00 fee for a cat that is not fixed.

The Village Board is asked to approve the recommendation.

Cat Survey -

Do you regulate the number of cats allowed per residence?

Do you license cats?

From: Luann Emerson [mailto:clerk@springvalleywi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:21 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

Yes we register cats, we allow 5

Luann Emerson, Clerk/Treasurer – Village of Spring Valley

From: Patrick Moynihan Jr. [mailto:pmoynihan@ashwaubenon.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:22 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

No more than two cats or dogs or combination of each.

Patrick W. Moynihan, Jr., WCMC

Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Ashwaubenon

From: Kris Teske [mailto:KrisTe@greenbaywi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:23 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

The City of Green Bay allows 3 cats and we license them. \$5 spayed/neutered - \$25 not spayed/neutered.

Kris Teske, Green Bay City Clerk

From: Ann Schommer [mailto:aschommer@cityofripon.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:23 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: Re: [clerklist] Cats

The City of Ripon does license cats.

8.04.070 - Limit number of dogs and/or cats.

A.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to harbor or keep more than two dogs and/or three cats per dwelling unit on any premises within the city, with the exception that a litter of pups or kittens, or a portion of a litter, may be kept for a period of time not exceeding six months from birth.

B.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any properly licensed commercial kennel, pet store, pet grooming establishment or animal hospital.

C.

Subject to approval by the city administrator, a dog owner may harbor or keep one additional dog or cat per dwelling unit if the owner presents a petition with the request for a license that indicates that seventy-five percent of the residents over eighteen years of age within two hundred feet of the property line of the premises of the petitioner approves the proposition to have more than two dogs and/or three cats on the premises. The petition shall state the number of dogs or cats that will be on the premises and shall be valid for a period of three license periods after the date of the petition.

D.

If the city administrator denies the petition, the applicant shall have the right to appeal the decision to the common council for final determination.

E.

The provisions of the section shall not apply to dog owners whose dogs (regardless of number) are duly licensed as of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This exemption pertains only to the specific animals so licensed.

Have a nice rest of your day.

Ann Schommer, City Clerk

From: Rubina Medina [mailto:RMedina@waukesha-wi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:24 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

The City of Waukesha does regulate how many cats a residence can have. We limit each residence to 2 cats and 2 dogs and we do license them.

Thank you,

Rubina R. Medina, Administrative Assistant - City of Waukesha

From: Melissa Hongisto [mailto:MelissaH@Suamico.org]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:26 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [External] [clerklist] Cats

No and no. Though we should limit. I will double check to make sure we don't limit.

From: Clerk [mailto:clerk-treasurer@villageofpardeeville.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:26 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

We have a limit of 3 dogs, 3 cats or no more than 4 if a combination

Thanks!

Jennifer Becker, Village Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Pardeeville

From: Sherri Konkol [mailto:sherri@villageofdenmark.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:32 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

Hi Debbie,

We do not license cats.

§ 111-5 Keeping of cats.

A.

Purpose. The keeping of a large number of cats in a residential district for a considerable period of time detracts from and, in many instances, is detrimental to the healthful and comfortable life for which such areas were created. The keeping of a large number of cats is, therefore, declared to be a public nuisance.

B.

Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CAT

Any feline, regardless of age or sex.

Have a great day,

Sherri

From: Sherri Konkol [mailto:sherri@villageofdenmark.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:34 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

Forgot to put the number of cats allowed....

B.

Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CAT

Any feline, regardless of age or sex.

RESIDENTIAL LOT

A parcel of land zoned as residential, occupied or to be occupied by a dwelling, platted or unplatted, and under common ownership. For the purpose of this section, any vacant parcel or parcels adjoining a dwelling and under the same ownership shall constitute one lot.

C.

Number of cats limited. No person shall own, harbor, or possess more than three cats on any residential lot without the prior approval of the Village, except that a litter of kittens, or a portion of a litter, may be kept for not more than eight weeks from birth. An application for prior approval of the Village shall be signed by the applicant and the owner of the residential lot if the landowner is not the applicant. If more than one family resides on a residential lot, then only three cats shall be allowed on the residential lot unless the prior approval is obtained from the Village. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "family" shall be defined as one or more persons.

From: Kim Lunda [mailto:clerkvbc@bevcomm.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:37 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

Debbie,

No, no, but we need to! If you are going to write on ordinance on this can you give me a copy of it when you are finished. We have a huge problem with feral cats and don't have much for options. There was even an article in the Red Wing, MN paper about it last week.

<https://www.rivertowns.net/news/government-and-politics/4616335-What-to-do-about-stray-Bay-City-kitties-discussed>

Thank you,

Kim Lunda, Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Bay City

From: Village of Wilton [mailto:Villageofwilton@centurytel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:45 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

2 CATS AND WE REQUIRE A LICENSE...LORI BRUEGGEN-VILLAGE OF WILTON

From: clerk_treasurer@villageofridgeway.com [mailto:clerk_treasurer@villageofridgeway.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:38 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

Our ordinance states a maximum of 3 pets (dogs, cats) per residence, however, we don't license cats so we don't really have a way to monitor that.

Lori L. Phelan, Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Ridgeway

From: Shelby Prochnow [mailto:clerk@cityofphillips.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:43 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

Yes we regulate cats and people can have a total of 3 pets, so 3 cats, or 3 dogs, or any combination of the two just not more than 3 dogs & cats total. We do license them. \$6 for a fixed cat or \$11 for not fixed.

Thanks!

Shelby Prochnow, Clerk/Treasurer - City of Phillips

From: Misty Molzof [mailto:mmolzof@wppienergy.org]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:45 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

We do not license cats; however, we do have regulations on the number of animals in our Municipal Code.

Limitation on number of pets. No person or persons shall keep or maintain more than three cats or three dogs, or a combination thereof exceeding three, on his, her, or their premises in the City.

You can find the entire pet ordinance at: <https://www.boscobelwisconsin.com/wwwbcms/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Chapter-9-orderly-conduct.pdf>

Make it A Great Day!!

Misty D. Molzof, City Administrator / Clerk / Treasurer

From: Jane Fude [mailto:JFude@columbuswi.us]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:49 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

City of Columbus:

Sec. 14-11. - Keeping of pets.

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SECTIONCOMPARE VERSIONS**

(a)

Purpose. The keeping of a large number of dogs or cats in one household within the city limits detracts from and is detrimental to healthful and comfortable life in such areas. The keeping of a large number of dogs or cats is, therefore, declared to be a public nuisance.

(b)

Number limited. No more than three dogs and/or cats, in aggregate, shall be kept in or upon one dwelling or by one or more persons constituting one dwelling, unless the dwelling be licensed as a kennel. As an exception, a litter of pups or kittens may be kept for a period not to exceed five months from birth.

(c)

Definition. For purposes of this section, the term "dwelling" means a residential building or one or more portions thereof occupied or intended to be occupied exclusively for residence purposes, but not including habitations provided in non-residential uses such as lodging uses or commercial campgrounds.

From: Chris Astrella, WCPC [mailto:townhall@oaklandtown.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:49 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

No and no ☺

Chris Astrella, Clerk/Treasurer - Town of Oakland

From: Renita Williamson [mailto:cvclerk@mwt.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 8:43 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

Debbie,

We do license cats with a 2-cat limit.

Sincerely,

Renita Williamson, Clerk-Treasurer -Village of Coon Valley

From: Deborah Neuser [mailto:dneuser@manitowoc.org]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:12 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

Three cats AND three dogs per residence with the ability to receive a FOUR animal permit with approval of the Chief of Police.

Yes we license cats.

Deborah A. Neuser, City Clerk, City of Manitowoc

From: Karen Duchow [mailto:kduchow@ci.hudson.wi.us]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:17 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: Re: [clerklist] Cats

4 per household. We DO license cats.

From: Tammy Ruggaber [mailto:tammy@villageofyorkville.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Debbie Baenen
Subject: RE: Cats

No on both

Tammy Ruggaber, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer -Village of Yorkville

From: kathy.wilson@townofchristiana.com [mailto:kathy.wilson@townofchristiana.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Debbie Baenen
Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

NO!

Kathy Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer -Town of Christiana

From: Janine Micke [mailto:jmicke@vokimberly.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Debbie Baenen
Subject: RE: Cats

3 animals per address. Includes cats, dogs or micro pigs.

No license for the pigs or cats]

Janine A. Micke, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk - Village of Kimberly

From: merrillan@centurytel.net [mailto:merrillan@centurytel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Debbie Baenen
Subject: RE: [clerklist] Cats

Yes to both our ordinance is on our website if you would like to look at it
www.merrillan.net

Penny Danielson Clerk -Treasurer -Village of Merrillean

From: Village of Withee [mailto:villageofwithee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Debbie Baenen
Subject: Re: [clerklist] Cats

We allow three dogs/two cats or two dogs/three cats. We do not license cats.

Ellen Niemi, Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Withee

From: Stacy Grunwald [mailto:sgrunwald@clevelandwi.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 5:29 PM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

No. No.

Stacy Grunwald, Village of Cleveland, Manitowoc Co.

From: Mary Rogers [mailto:mrogers@cityofmarionwi.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 8:19 AM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

Limit of 2 and yes, we license – same as dogs.

Mary Rogers, City of Marion

From: Clerk Kuhlman [mailto:clerk@brooklynwi.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 5:33 PM

To: Debbie Baenen

Subject: RE: Cats

We limit to 3 animals per household and we do ask that cats be licensed.

Linda Kuhlman, Village Clerk-Treasurer - Village of Brooklyn

From: Monica Hoff [mailto:MHoff@villageofhoward.com]

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 10:55 AM

To: Debbie Baenen; Brad Lange; Mike Lauder; Carrie Zittlow; Michelle Mahlik; Jim Genrich; Jim Rafter; Lynn Green; Matthew H. Trustee; Penny Dart; Rob Atwoord Trustee; Christopher Sampson

Subject: RE: Cat Survey

Hi Debbie,

Additional info: the Village of Howard , the Village of Suamico , the Village of Bellevue, and the Town of Pittsfield do not regulate the number of cats. The Village of Howard licenses owned cats (\$5 - spayed/neutered, \$30 -spayed /neutered). The others do not license.

Monica Hoff, Animal Control/Humane Officer