

TOWN OF LAFAYETTE
DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE
ORDINANCE 4 - 04

The Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, Walworth County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the property, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of LaFayette.

SECTION 2.0 AUTHORITY

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority set forth in § 60.23(30), WI Statutes, which allows a Town to enact an ordinance regulating dogs at large.

SECTION 3.0 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under control of the owners or some other person.

Exception to this section shall be dogs while in use for hunting purposes or dogs being used by police or law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel in law enforcement and in location of lost or missing persons.

SECTION 4.0 UNTAGGED DOG

A dog is considered to be untagged if a valid license tag is not attached to a collar which is kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area.

**SECTION 5.0 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE OR UNTAGGED DOG SUBJECT TO
IMPOUNDMENT**

Any Town representative, police officer or Walworth County Sheriff's Officer shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog running at large and any untagged dog.

SECTION 6.0 PENALTIES

If the owner of the dog negligently or otherwise permits the dog to run at large or be untagged, the owner shall forfeit not less than twenty five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense and not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for subsequent offenses.

Any Town of LaFayette official shall carry out the enforcement of this ordinance. If the identify and ownership of the dog offending private property can be readily ascertained, the Town official will advise such owner of the dog's transgressions.

This Ordinance adopted by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on this 8th day of April 2009.

Bruno Schiffleger, Chair

Passed this day: 04.08.2009

Barbara A Fischer, Town Clerk-Treasurer
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