

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 9006 of the Village Ordinance Code of the Village of Laurium, as previously amended by Ordinance No. 120 of 1976.

The Village of Laurium, Houghton County, Michigan, Ordains:

Chapter 9006 of Ordinance No. 111 (commonly called the Village Ordinance Code) as previously amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9006 - DOGS

1. Presumption of Ownership. Any person who shall permit a dog to remain about any premises owned or occupied by him for a period of five (5) days or more shall be deemed the owner of such dog for the purposes of this Chapter.
2. Restrictions. No person owning, possessing or having charge of any dog, six (6) months of age or older, shall permit such dog to be an annoyance or nuisance in the vicinity where it is kept because of loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling, or by reason of damaging or trespassing on the property of others, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. local time.
3. No person shall permit any dog to run loose beyond the premises of the owner or on any public street or way unless such dog is on a leash and accompanied by the owner or if not on a leash within ten feet of and subject to the immediate voice command and control of the owner.
4. All dogs found running at large shall be seized by a Police Officer, his deputies or assistant, or other peace officers, and, if the owner is not known or immediately available, impounded for a period of time until claimed by its owner or turned over to the Houghton County Animal Control Officer.
5. Any dog found running at large, whose ownership is known to the police officer, his deputies or assistants, or other officers, need not be impounded but the police officer, his deputies or assistants or other peace officers may, in their sole discretion, cite the owner of such dog for violation of this Ordinance.
6. Immediately upon impounding a dog or other animal, the police officer shall make every reasonable effort to notify the owner of such dog or other animal so impounded and inform such owner of the conditions whereby custody of such dog or other animal may be regained.
7. An owner may redeem a dog from the animal shelter by executing a sworn statement of ownership, providing satisfactory identification, furnishing a license and tag as required by ordinance and state law, and paying the required fees as set by the Village Council, payable to the Laurium Village Clerk's office.