

CHAPTER 61 ~ ANIMALS

ARTICLE I: NUMBER OF CATS AND DOGS

ARTICLE II: KEEPING OF DOMESTICATED CHICKENS

ARTICLE III: VICIOUS ANIMALS AND ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

61-11 Definitions:

Habitually: A regular or repeated performance or way of acting in a routine manner that may be potentially frightening, harmful, disturbing, dangerous, or injurious to people or other animals.

At large: An animal is “at large” when it is off the premises of its owner or keeper and upon any public way, school grounds, public park or other public grounds, or private property and is not under control, either by leash or other means.

Vicious: A vicious animal is one that demonstrates an aggressive behavior with a tendency to inflict injury on humans or other animals, usually without provocation. An animal demonstrates vicious behavior when it performs activities such as snapping, biting, shaking, tearing, or mangle another animal or person. Any behavior which causes another animal or person annoyance, worry, or injury is considered vicious behavior.

Worries: Worry is the result of an aggressive animal’s behavior toward a person or other animal. Such behavior includes any action or behavior that causes the pursued person or animal to be fearful, stressed, and concerned about his or her own welfare.

61-12 Vicious dogs and animals

Restrictions: It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Cedar Grove to own, harbor or keep any animal which:

1. Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
2. Assaults or attacks any person or destroys property.
3. Is at large within the limits of the Village.
4. Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons.
5. Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
6. Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
7. In the case of a dog, unlicensed.

A written report that an animal has bitten, scratched, attacked or injured any person or other animal while running at large off the premises owned or occupied by the owner, keeper or licensee within the previous year shall constitute the animal is vicious.

61-13 Animals running at large

No person having in his or her possession or ownership any animal or fowl shall allow the animal or fowl to run at large within the Village. All animals, whether licensed or not, shall be kept by the owner or keeper tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow the animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large or required by State law or Village ordinance to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by a humane or law enforcement office.

An animal shall not be considered to be running at large if it is attached to a leash not more than six (6) feet in length, and provided said leash is held by a person physically competent to govern the animal and prevent it from annoying or worrying pedestrians or trespassing on private property or on public property where such animals are forbidden

61-14 Violations and Penalties

In addition to the suspension or revocation of a license issued under this article, any person who shall violate this article shall be subject to a penalty as provided by § **1-4** of this Municipal Code.

ARTICLE IV: REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT

61-15 Pet excrement removal

It is unlawful for the owner or person in charge of any animal to cause or permit an animal to be on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person, unless such person has in his possession an appropriate device for removal of excrement and an appropriate depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by such person. It is further unlawful if such person fails to remove the pet excrement immediately after deposit on public or private property not owned or possessed by such person.

Any person failing to promptly remove excrement shall pay a fee as provided in the Village fee schedule.

61-16 Violations and Penalties

Persons found in violation of this article shall be subject to a penalty as provided by § **1-4** of this Municipal Code.