

**CHAPTER 3**

**ANIMALS**

**ARTICLE I - GENERALLY**

**3-1-1 ANIMALS PROHIBITED.** No person shall keep any cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep, swine, barn fowl, or animal yards or pens in which animals are confined or kept in any residential area of the Village, except as permitted in the following paragraph (A).

(A) **Six Chickens Permitted.** An owner or occupant of a single family residence shall be permitted to maintain on said property not more than a total of **six (6)** chicken hens under the conditions stated herein. Owners or occupants of multi-family dwellings, apartments, and/or condominiums are prohibited from maintaining chicken hens on such premises.

- (1) **Roosters Prohibited.** No roosters shall be permitted to be maintained, kept or housed within the Village.
- (2) **Chicken Coops or Pens.** No chicken hens shall be permitted to run at large in the Village. Hens shall be kept in a designated coop or run, subject to the requirements set forth in this Section. Hens may be permitted to exercise in a rear yard under supervision, provided that such rear yard is enclosed by a fence of a minimum height of **six (6) feet**. If the coop or run is not located within a fenced yard, any hens must be kept within the coop or run at all times.
- (3) **Setback Requirements.** A chicken coop or run shall be located only in a rear yard of a single family residence, and shall not be permitted in any side yard or front yard. Any coop or run must be situated not less than **five (5) feet** from the rear lot line and the side lot line of the property, and shall further be located a distance of not less than **twenty-five (25) feet** from any neighboring dwelling.
- (4) **Structural Requirements.** Any chicken coop or run shall be enclosed on all sides, including the top or roof plane. No such structure exceeding a total area of **one hundred twenty (120) square feet** shall be permitted to be constructed without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector.
- (5) **Sanitation Requirements.** Any person maintaining chickens within the Village pursuant to this Section shall keep said chickens in a sanitary, healthy environment without noise, odors, or other negative conditions affecting the public health or detectable from the lot lines of the property. Feed must be stored in a fully enclosed, rodent-proof container. The coop and run shall be kept in clean, dry and sanitary conditions at all times. Manure, uneaten and discarded feed, feathers and other waste must be removed regularly. Manure may be composted, provided that any manure not composted must be removed from the property on a regular basis at a minimum of once per week. No such wastes shall be permitted to be disposed of with regular household garbage. The conditions or any chicken coop, run, and/or chickens may be inspected at any time to ensure compliance with the standards set forth herein.
- (6) **Coop License Required.** No person shall be permitted to maintain chicken hens in the Village without first obtaining a license from the Village Clerk as provided herein. The fee for such license shall be **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** and shall automatically renew each

year, provided the licensee remains in compliance with all standards set forth in this Section. No additional fee shall be required for the automatic renewal of a coop license.

(B) **Violations.** Any person violating any provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)** and not more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)**, and each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. **(Ord. No. 15-06; 10-08-15)**

**3-1-2 CRUELTY.** Any person who shall be guilty of cruelty to any animal by overloading, overdriving, overworking, cruelly beating, mutilating or cruelly killing any animal or causing or knowingly allowing the same to be done; or cruelly working any old, maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal, or causing or knowingly allowing the same to be done; or by unnecessarily failing to provide any animal in his charge or control as owner or otherwise, with proper drink, food and shelter, or abandoning any old, maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal; or by driving, or by causing to be driven, or keeping any animal in an unnecessary or cruel manner shall be subject to the penalty set out in **Section 4.213** of this Code.

**3-1-3 DANGEROUS ANIMALS.** It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or snake or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the Village. Exhibition or parade of animals which are farae naturae in the eyes of the law may be conducted only upon securing a permit from the Board.

**3-1-4 NOISY ANIMALS AND FOWL.** It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animal or fowl which disturbs the peace and quiet of any family or neighborhood by loud noises at any time of the day or night. It shall be unlawful for any person owning any dog or cat, or having custody of any dog or cat, to permit such dog or cat to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood by barking, howling, or making other loud or unusual noise.

**3-1-5 DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to permit such animal to run at large, or to be on any public place or private property other than that of the owner without being securely restrained by a leash or other means.

## **ARTICLE II – CATS AND DOGS**

**3-2-1 DEFINITIONS.** The terms used in this Article shall comply with **Chapter 510** of the **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Sec. 5/2.01, et seq.**

### **3-2-2 CATS AND DOGS TO BE INOCULATED AND TO HAVE NAME TAGS AFFIXED TO COLLARS.**

(A) Each calendar year or at such intervals as may hereafter be promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, every owner or keeper of a cat or dog **four (4) months** or more of age shall cause such cat or dog to be inoculated against rabies. Such owner or keeper of such cat or dog shall cause a serially numbered tag evidencing such inoculation to be attached to a collar or harness worn by the cat or dog.

(B) Every owner or keeper of a cat or dog, regardless of age, shall cause the cat or dog to wear a collar or harness and shall affix thereto a metallic or other suitable tag inscribed with the name, address and phone number, if any, of the owner or keeper of the cat or dog.

**3-2-3 INOCULATION TO BE PERFORMED BY LICENSED VETERINARIAN; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE.** The inoculation of cats or dogs required by **Section 3-2-2(A)** shall be performed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice his profession in this State. Upon performing such inoculation, such veterinarian shall issue to the owner or keeper a certificate showing such fact and shall also deliver to the owner or keeper a metallic or other suitable tag to be attached to the collar or harness of the cat or dog, which tag shall also certify to the fact of the inoculation against rabies.

**3-2-4 DURATION OF INOCULATION.** The inoculation performed under the provisions of **Section 3-2-3** shall be effective until the expiration of the calendar year in which the vaccination was performed or the expiration of such period of time as may be promulgated by the Department of Agriculture.

**3-2-5 SPECIFICATIONS FOR TAG.** The tag issued under the provisions of **Section 3-2-3** shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Department of Agriculture.

**3-2-6 EXHIBITION OF CERTIFICATE UPON REQUEST.** At any reasonable time upon request of any member of the Police Department or Village employee, the owner or keeper of any unmuzzled cat or dog shall exhibit his certificate issued under the provisions of **Section 3-2-3**, showing the inoculation against rabies of any cat or dog owned or controlled by him.

**3-2-7 RESTRAINT OF CATS OR DOGS.** The owner or keeper of a cat or dog shall keep the cat or dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such cat or dog to be at large, off the premises of the property of the owner or keeper, unless the cat or dog is under complete control as defined in **Section 3-1-2. (See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/11-20-9)**

**3-2-8 IMPOUNDMENT OF CATS OR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE OR UNLICENSED CATS OR DOGS; CITATION OF OWNER OR KEEPER.**

(A) It shall be the duty of such employees and officers of the Police Department as shall be designated for that purpose by the Mayor to take up and impound in such place as may be designated and set apart for that purpose, any cat or dog found running at large or unlicensed in the Village, contrary to any of the provisions of this Chapter or other regulations of the Village.

(B) When cats or dogs are found running at large or unlicensed and their ownership is known to the designated employee(s), such cats or dogs may be impounded at the discretion of such employee(s), but the employee(s) may cite the owner of such cat or dog to answer charges of violation of this Chapter.

(C) Any cat or dog permitted to run at large within the Village is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

(D) Any impounded cat or dog which shall not be redeemed within **two (2) days** shall be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the poundkeeper.

(E) The Village does hereby establish a fee of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** for each impoundment. **(See 510 ILCS Sec. 5/10)**

**3-2-9 NOTICE AND CITATION TO OWNER OR KEEPER OF IMPOUNDMENT.** In case of impounding and where the owner or keeper of such dog is disclosed by any tax or license tag worn by it or is otherwise known to the officers impounding the same, the designated official shall make reasonable attempts to contact the owner, informing him of the impounding of his cat or dog and shall cite the owner or keeper of such dog to answer charges of violation of this Chapter.

**3-2-10 OBSTRUCTING POUNDMASTER.** Any person(s) who shall bring any cat or dog into the Village for the purpose of causing the same to be impounded or any person who shall resist, hinder or molest the poundmaster or dogcatcher or police officer while engaged upon the duties imposed upon them by this Chapter or any person who shall break into the dog pound and release or deliver any cat or dog therefrom without having first paid the fees herein specified, or any owner or keeper of any cat or dog who shall permit any cat or dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the Village, upon conviction of any part of this Chapter shall be fined according to **Chapter 1 - Administration** of this Code.

**3-2-11      IMPOUNDMENT OF CATS AND DOGS WHICH HAVE BITTEN PERSONS.** Any cat or dog which shall have bitten or otherwise injured any person so as to cause an abrasion of the skin shall be immediately taken, impounded and kept separated from other cats or dogs for **ten (10) days**. If, during that period, such cat or dog develops symptoms of illness, a veterinarian shall be called to diagnose its condition. If the symptoms disclosed are such as to indicate the presence of rabies, such cat or dog shall be destroyed in such a manner, however, as to preserve intact the head, which shall thereupon be detached and immediately sent to the diagnostic laboratory of the Department of Agriculture. In case such cat or dog cannot be safely taken up and impounded, it may be shot, care being taken to preserve the head intact which shall thereupon be immediately detached and be delivered to the diagnostic laboratory of the Department of Agriculture.

If, at the expiration of the **ten (10) days** no symptoms of rabies have developed in such cat or dog so impounded, the same may be redeemed by the owner upon payment of the redemption fees and charges specified by this Chapter; provided, however, that in case any cat or dog so impounded for biting a person shall have previously bitten any person, such cat or dog shall be humanely destroyed by the poundkeeper. After having been notified that his cat or dog has bitten or otherwise injured any person, the owner or keeper thereof shall not, under any circumstances, permit such animal to be at large unless securely muzzled.

**3-2-12      IMPOUNDMENT.** Those persons charged with the duty of enforcing this Chapter may employ any method found practical and humane in capturing and impounding any cat or dog found running at large. The Village shall not be responsible for the death or injury of any animal while being captured.

**3-2-13      REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.** The owner of any animal impounded under this Chapter may redeem the same by paying all the costs and charges assessed, if any, that have accrued up to the time of making redemption and on paying the same; it shall be the duty of the authorities to release the animal from the pound and deliver it to its owner, or certify the release thereof to any County authority having possession of the animal.

**3-2-14      DISPOSITION OF CATS AND DOGS DEEMED NUISANCES.** Any cat or dog which may, in any manner, continually disturb the quiet of any person or neighborhood or shall destroy or in any manner injure any animal, plant, shrub or other property not on the premises of its owner or keeper is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and such cat or dog shall be taken up and impounded and may be redeemed or disposed of in the manner provided for under this Code.

**3-2-15      REMOVAL OF DOG EXCREMENT.**  
(A) No owner or person in control of a dog shall permit the dog to deposit fecal matter on any public right-of-way or property, or on any private property, other than that of the owner or person in control, without providing a means of disposing of the fecal matter.  
(B) The owner or person in control of a dog shall promptly remove any fecal matter deposited on any such property, other than property belonging to the owner or person in control of the dog.  
(C) This Section shall not apply to support dogs, or guide dogs used by blind, visually handicapped, hearing impaired or otherwise physically disabled persons medically requiring the use of such animals.  
(D) The offenses prohibited by this Section shall be absolute liability offenses.

**(Ord. No. 00-07; 07-13-00)**

**(See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/11-1-1 and 5/11-20-9)**

**ARTICLE III - VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS DOGS**

**3-3-1**        **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Article, the following words shall have the following meanings and definitions:

(A)        **"Vicious dog"** means:

- (1) Any individual dog that when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or other animal either on public or private property.
- (2) Any individual dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals.
- (3) Any individual dog that has a trait or characteristic and a generally known reputation for viciousness, dangerousness or unprovoked attacks upon human beings or other animals, unless handled in a particular manner or with special equipment.
- (4) Any individual dog which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation.
- (5) Any individual dog which has been found to be a "dangerous dog" upon **three (3)** separate occasions.

No dog shall be deemed "vicious" if it bites, attacks, or menaces a trespasser on the property of its owner or harms or menaces anyone who has tormented or abused it or is a professionally trained dog for law enforcement or guard duties. Vicious dogs shall not be classified in a manner that is specific as to breed.

If a dog is found to be a vicious dog, the dog shall be subject to enclosure.

(B)        **"Dangerous dog"** means any individual dog which when either unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner, or a member of its owner's family, in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack upon streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places.

(C)        **"Enclosure"** means a fence or structure of at least **six (6) feet** in height, forming or causing an enclosure suitable to prevent the entry of young children, and suitable to confine a vicious dog in conjunction with other measures which may be taken by the owner or keeper, such as tethering of a vicious dog within the enclosure. Such enclosure shall be securely enclosed and locked and designed with secure sides, top and bottom and shall be designed to prevent the animal from escaping from the enclosure.

(D)        **"Impounded"** means taken into the custody of the public pound in the Village or town where the vicious dog is found.

(E)        **"Found to Be Vicious Dog"** means:

- (1) that an Animal Control Warden, or a law enforcement officer has conducted an investigation and made a finding in writing that the dog is a vicious dog as defined in paragraph (1) of Subsection (A)

- and, based on that finding, the Administrator or an Animal Control Warden has declared in writing that the dog is a vicious dog or
- (2) that the circuit court has found the dog to be a vicious dog as defined in paragraph (1) of Subsection (A) and has entered an order based on that finding.

**3-3-2 UNLAWFUL TO MAINTAIN.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog unless such dog is at all times kept in an enclosure. The only times that a vicious dog may be allowed out of the enclosure are:

(A) If it is necessary for the owner or keeper to obtain veterinary care for the dog or

(B) To comply with the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, provided that the dog is securely muzzled and restrained with a chain having a tensile strength of **three hundred (300) pounds** and not exceeding **three (3) feet** in length, and shall be under the direct control and supervision of the owner or keeper of the dog.

Any dog which has been found to be a vicious dog and which is not confined to an enclosure shall be impounded by the Animal Control Warden, or the police and shall be turned over to a licensed veterinarian for destruction by lethal injection.

**3-3-3 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** If the owner of the dog has not appealed the impoundment order to the circuit court in the County in which the animal was impounded within **seven (7) working days**, the dog may be humanely dispatched. A dog found to be a vicious dog shall not be released to the owner until the Administrator, an Animal Control Warden, or the Director approves the enclosure as defined in this Section.

No owner or keeper of a vicious dog shall sell or give away the dog.

**3-3-4 DOG PERMITTED TO LEAVE PREMISES.** It is unlawful for any person to maintain a public nuisance by permitting any dangerous dog or other animal to leave the premises of its owner when not under control by leash or other recognized control methods.

Guide dogs for the blind or hearing impaired, support dogs for the physically handicapped, and sentry, guard, or police-owned dogs are exempt from this Section; provided, an attack or injury to a person occurs while the dog is performing duties as expected. To qualify for exemption under this Section, each such dog shall be currently inoculated against rabies in accordance with this Code. It shall be the duty of the owner of such exempted dog to notify the Mayor of changes of address. In the case of a sentry or guard dog, the owner shall keep the Mayor advised of the location where such dog will be stationed. The Mayor shall provide police and fire departments with a categorized list of such exempted dogs, and shall promptly notify such departments of any address changes reported to him.

**3-3-5**        **INJUNCTION.** The Mayor, Police Chief, Village Attorney, or any citizen of the Village in which a dangerous dog or other animal exists may file a complaint to enjoin all persons from maintaining or permitting such, to abate the same, and to enjoin the owner of such dog or other animal from permitting same to leave his premises when not under control by leash or other recognized control methods. Upon the filing of a complaint in the circuit court, the court, if satisfied that this nuisance may exist, shall grant a preliminary injunction with bond in such amount as the court may determine enjoining the defendant from maintaining such nuisance. If the existence of the nuisance is established, the owner of such dog or other animal shall be in violation of this Act, and in addition the court shall enter an order restraining the owner from maintaining such nuisance and may order that such dog or other animal be humanely dispatched. **(See 510 ILCS Sec. 5/17)**

**3-3-6**        **LIABILITY OF OWNER OR DOG ATTACKING OR INJURING PERSON.** If a dog, or other animal, without provocation, attacks or injures any person who is peaceably conducting himself in any place where he may lawfully be, the owner of such dog or other animal is liable in damages to such person for the full amount of the injury sustained. **(See 510 ILCS Sec. 5/16)**

**3-3-7**        **RIGHT OF ENTRY - INSPECTIONS.** For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Code and making inspections hereunder, the Police Chief, or his authorized representative, or any officer of the law may enter upon private premises to apprehend a straying dog or other animal, a dangerous dog or other animal, or a dog or other animal thought to be infected with rabies. If, after request therefor, the owner of such dog or other animal shall refuse to deliver the dog or other animal to the officer, the owner shall be in violation of this Code. **(See 510 ILCS Sec. 5/17)**

**(See 65 ILCS Secs. 5/11-1-1 and 5/11-20-9)**

**(See also 510 ILCS Sec. 5/24)**

ARTICLE IV

PIT BULL DOG CODE

**3-4-1**        **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** This Article is adopted pursuant to the powers granted to municipalities in **Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Sections 5/11-1-1; 5/11-5-6 and 5/11-20-9.**

**3-4-2**        **DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Article the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings set forth in this Section.

**"BITE"** means to seize or cut with the teeth.

**"CONFINEMENT STRUCTURE"** means a securely locked pen, kennel or structure designed and constructed for the keeping of a Pit Bull Dog and shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the standards provided herein. Such pen, kennel or structure must have secure sides and a secure top attached to the sides. All structures used to confine registered pit bull dogs must be locked with a key or combination lock when such animals are within the structure. Such structure must have a secure bottom or floor attached to the sides of the pen or the sides of the pen must be embedded in the ground no less than **two (2) feet**. All structures erected to house pit bull dogs must comply with all Village Zoning and Building regulations. All such structures must be adequately lighted, ventilated and kept in a clean and sanitary conditions.

**"FIGHT"** means a prearranged conflict between **two (2)** or more animals, but does not include a conflict that is not organized or accidental.

**"K-9 PATROL DOG OR POLICE DOG"** means a professionally trained dog used by law enforcement officers for law enforcement purposes and activities.

**"LEASH"** means a cord, chain, rope, strap or other such physical restraint having a tensile strength of not less than **three hundred (300) pounds**.

**"MUZZLE"** means a device constructed of strong, soft material or a metal muzzle. The muzzle must be made in a manner which will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration, but must prevent it from biting any person or animal.

**"NIP"** means to pinch or squeeze with teeth with no breaking of skin or tissue.

**"PIT BULL DOG"** is defined to mean any of the following:

- (A) Bull terrier breed of dog;
- (B) Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog;
- (C) American pit bull terrier breed of dog;
- (D) American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog; and
- (E) Dogs of mixed breed or of breeds other than above listed which breed or mixed breed is known as pit bulls, Pit Bull Dogs or pit bull terriers.

**"RUNNING AT LARGE"** means the failure to confine a Pit Bull Dog in accordance with a "leash" as defined herein.

**"VICIOUS PIT BULL DOG"** means any animal that has, without provocation, attacked a human being or other animal, or a Pit Bull Dog that, by its behavior or physical condition, constitutes an immediate and serious physical or health threat to human beings or animals, or any Pit Bull Dog which has previously attacked or bitten any human being or other animal on **two (2)** or more reported occasions.

**3-4-3 KEEPING OF PIT BULL DOGS PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the Village any Pit Bull Dog, provided that Pit Bull Dogs residing in the Village on the date of passage of this Code may be kept within the Village subject to the standards and requirements herein set forth.

Pit Bull Dogs residing in the Village at the time of passage of this Code may be kept by their owners within the Village, subject to the standards in this Article.

**3-4-4 SALE OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP PROHIBITED.** No person shall sell, barter or in any other way, dispose of a Pit Bull Dog registered within the Village to any person within the Village unless the recipient person resides permanently in the same household and on the same premises as the registered owner of such Pit Bull Dog; provided that the registered owner of a Pit Bull Dog may sell or otherwise dispose of a Pit Bull Dog or the offspring of such Pit Bull Dog to persons who do not reside within the Village.

**3-4-5 ANIMALS BORN OF PIT BULL DOGS.** All offspring born of Pit Bull Dogs registered within the Village must be removed from the Village within **six (6) weeks** of the birth of such animal.

**3-4-6 IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTIONS.** There shall be an irrebuttable presumption that any dog registered with the Village as a Pit Bull Dog or any of those breeds prohibited by this Code is in fact a Pit Bull Dog subject to the requirements of this Article.

**3-4-7 LICENSING OF PIT BULL DOGS.**  
(A) No person shall possess any Pit Bull Dog for a period of more than **forty-eight (48) hours** without having first obtained a license therefor from the Village.

(B) An application for a license to possess a Pit Bull Dog shall be filed with the Village Clerk on a form prescribed and provided by the Village Clerk and shall be accompanied by all of the following:

- (1) Verification of the identity of the owner and current address by providing a photostatic copy of the owner's driver's license.
- (2) Proof of ownership of the Pit Bull Dog.

- (3) A copy of the current immunization and health record of the Pit Bull Dog prepared by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Illinois.
- (4) A Certificate of Insurance evidencing coverage in an amount not less than **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** providing coverage for any injury, damage or loss caused by the Pit Bull Dog.
- (5) **Two (2) photographs** of the Pit Bull Dog to be licensed taken not less than **one (1) month** before the date of the application. **One (1) photograph** shall provide a front view of the Pit Bull Dog and shall clearly show the face and ears of the Pit Bull Dog. **One (1) photograph** shall show a side view of the Pit Bull Dog.
- (6) A license fee of **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)**.
- (7) Such other information as may be required by the Village Clerk.

(C) Upon receipt of an application, the Village Clerk shall forward such application to the Police Department which shall cause an inspection of the premises on which the Pit Bull Dog shall be kept to determine that all provisions of this Code relating to confinement and posting of signs have been complied with by the applicant. Upon completion of the inspection, the Police Department shall notify the Village Clerk in writing of the results of its inspection.

(D) Upon receipt of the results of the Police Department inspection, the Village Clerk shall notify the applicant of the approval or denial of the license. In the event that the license is denied, the notification shall be provided in writing and the reasons for such denial shall be stated. Upon approval, the Village Clerk shall issue a license to the applicant.

**3-4-8 CONFINEMENT OF PIT BULL DOG.** No person shall possess any Pit Bull Dog unless the Pit Bull Dog is confined in accordance with this Article.

(A) **Confinement Indoors.** No Pit Bull Dog may be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure that would allow the Pit Bull Dog to exit the structure on its own volition. No Pit Bull Dog shall be kept in a house or structure when the windows are open or when screen windows or screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the Pit Bull Dog from exiting the structure.

(B) **Confinement in an Exterior Yard.** No person shall confine a Pit Bull Dog in an exterior area unless such Pit Bull Dog is confined in a "confinement structure" constructed and maintained in accordance with this Code, except that a Pit Bull Dog may be confined outside of a "confinement structure" in a manner set forth as provided in paragraph (C) below.

(C) **Confinement on Leash.** No person shall permit a Pit Bull Dog to go outside a confinement structure, house, or other structure unless the Pit Bull Dog is securely restrained with a leash no longer than **four (4) feet** in length and fitted with a muzzle. No person shall permit a Pit Bull Dog to be kept on a leash unless a person is in physical control of the leash. No leash restraining any Pit Bull Dog shall be attached to any inanimate object including, but not limited to, trees, posts, stakes and buildings.

**3-4-9**        **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF LICENSEE.** Any person holding a license pursuant to this Article shall report the incidence of any of the following events:

(A)            The sale, barter, exchange, gift or death of any Pit Bull Dog shall be reported within **forty-eight (48) hours**.

(B)            The escape from confinement of any Pit Bull Dog shall be reported upon discovery of the escape.

(C)            The biting or nipping of any person or animal by a Pit Bull Dog shall be reported upon occurrence.

(D)            The birth of any offspring of a Pit Bull Dog shall be reported within **forty-eight (48) hours** of the birth of the offspring.

(E)            The permanent removal of any Pit Bull Dog from the territorial limits of the Village shall be reported within **forty-eight (48) hours** of such removal by surrender of the license of the owner to the Village Clerk.

The report of any incident required to be reported under this Article shall be made to the Village Police Department.

**3-4-10**        **SIGN REQUIRED.** All persons possessing a Pit Bull Dog shall display in a prominent place on the premises where a Pit Bull Dog is to be kept a sign which is readable by the public from a distance of not less than **one hundred (100) feet** using the words **"BEWARE OF DOG – PIT BULL"**. A similar sign shall be posted on any confinement structure.

**3-4-11**        **FIGHTING PROHIBITED.** No person shall fight or bait, conspire to fight or bait, or keep, train, or transport for the purpose of fighting or baiting, any Pit Bull Dog.

**3-4-12**        **IMPOUNDMENT OF VICIOUS PIT BULL DOG.** Any Pit Bull Dog which by its actions is a vicious Pit Bull Dog as defined herein shall be subject to immediate impoundment by the Police Department in a humane facility for the keeping of dogs. If the incident giving rise to the impoundment has resulted in an injury to a person, upon impoundment by the Police Department the Chief of Police or his designee shall notify the Rabies Control Administrator of the county pursuant to **Chapter 510, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 5/12**, and shall transfer control of the Pit Bull Dog to the Administrator in accordance with **Chapter 510, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 5/13**.

**3-4-13**        **IMPOUNDMENT OF PIT BULL DOG RUNNING AT LARGE.** Any Pit Bull Dog found to be running at large by any member of the Village Police Department shall be presumed to be in violation of this Code and shall be subject to impoundment by the Police Department in a humane facility for the keeping of dogs.

**3-4-14**      **REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED PIT BULL DOG.** An owner of a Pit Bull Dog holding a license pursuant to this Code may redeem an impounded Pit Bull Dog if:

(A)            a Pit Bull Dog has been impounded pursuant to **Section 3-4-13** of this Code or

(B)            a vicious Pit Bull Dog which has not caused an injury to a person, subject to the following conditions:

- (1)          Proof of a valid license issued by the Village under this Code.
- (2)          Payment of the cost of keeping the Pit Bull Dog during the period of impoundment.

(C)            An owner of a Pit Bull Dog which has caused an injury to a person resulting in the impoundment of the Pit Bull Dog shall be entitled to redeem the Pit Bull Dog in accordance with **Chapter 510 Section 5/13 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.**

**3-4-15**      **REVOCAION OF LICENSE.** A license granted pursuant to this Code shall be automatically revoked upon any violation by the licensee of any provision of this Code. In the event of a revocation of the license, the license fee shall be retained by the Village.

**3-4-16**      **EXCEPTIONS.** This Code shall not apply to any K-9 Patrol Dogs or Police Dogs as defined herein.

**3-4-17**      **PENALTIES.** Upon conviction of a violation of this Article, the Court shall assess a fine of not less than **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).**

Upon a finding by the Court that a licensee has violated this Article of this Code the Court shall enter an order revoking the license and ordering the former holder of the license to remove the Pit Bull Dog from the Village.

**3-4-18**      **FAILURE TO COMPLY.** It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper, or harbinger of a Pit Bull Dog registered with the Village to fail to comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in this Code. Any Pit Bull Dog found to be the subject of a violation of this Code shall be subject to immediate seizure and impoundment. In addition, failure to comply will result in the revocation of the license of such animal resulting in the immediate removal of the animal from the Village.