

ORDINANCE No. 6-64

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT DOGS RUNNING AT
LARGE IN THE VILLAGE OF WEYERHAUSER, RUSK
COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AND TO CREATE THE OFFICE
OF DOG CATCHER

The Village Board of the Village of Weyerhauser,
Rusk County, Wisconsin, does ordain:

1. DEFINITIONS. In this ordinance, unless the context
or subject matter otherwise requires:

- (a) "Dog" includes all domesticated members of canis familiaris, male or female.
- (b) "Owner" includes any person, firm or corporation, owning, harboring or keeping a dog, and the occupant of any premises on which a dog remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten days is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this ordinance.
- (c) "Officer" includes any official with the power and authority of an officer of the peace, including the city dog catcher.
- (d) "~~At~~ Large" means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person, either by leash or otherwise.
- (e) "Leash" means a cord, thong or chain, not more than ten feet in length, by which a dog is controlled by the person accompanying it.
- (f) The word "License", used as an adjective, noun or verb, shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 174 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

2. DOG CATCHER. The Village Board shall appoint a dog catcher, who shall serve until removed by action of the board, unless his service be terminated by resignation or death. He shall be responsible to the board for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance and any supplemental rules and

regulations adopted by resolution of the board. The dog catcher shall receive such compensation as the board by resolution shall provide.

3. IMPOUNDING DOGS. (a) No dog shall be at large in the Village of Weyerhauser and any officer may seize or impound any such dog found at large.

(b) Any officer may enter upon the premises of an owner of an unlicensed or licensed dog for the purpose of seizing such dog upon complaint of a citizen that such dog has been allowed to run at large.

4. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDING. The officer impounding any dog shall notify the owner of the dog personally, by telephone, or through the United States mail, if such owner be known to the officer or can be ascertained with reasonable effort, but if such owner be unknown or cannot be ascertained, then the officer shall post written notices in three public places in the Village of Weyerhauser, giving a description of the dog, stating where it is impounded and the conditions for its release. If after five days the owner does not claim such dog such officer shall dispose of the dog in a proper and humane manner.

5. RELEASE. Any dog which has been seized or impounded by any officer, may be obtained from the authorities to whom said dog has been delivered upon presenting receipt of payment of the proper license fee, if the dog was unlicensed, and

payment of a fee of \$5.00 and the expense of keeping and advertising said dog, but if said dog is not called for within five (5) days after it was impounded, it may be disposed of.

Passed: August 14, 1964

Recorded: August 14, 1964

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President

ATTEST:

Charles F. Bush
Deputy Village Clerk

