

VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD
ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 38

An ordinance to provide for the appointment of an Animal Control Officer; to provide for the care and control of dogs and other animals within the Village; to provide for impoundment and disposal of animals; and to provide penalties for violations.

THE VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD ORDAINS:

Section 1. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. The Village Council shall appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be authorized to enforce the terms of this ordinance and shall receive compensation in amounts determined by the Council.

Section 2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANIMALS. Any person with a dog licensed in his name or any person who keeps or harbors a dog shall be responsible and liable for any acts committed by said dog.

Section 3. CONTROL OF ANIMALS. No person shall permit any animal, which he owns, harbors, or has under his control, to roam at large within the Village. Any dog which is taken off of the premises on which it is kept shall be restrained by a leash.

Section 4. LICENSING OF DOGS. No dog over six (6) months in age shall be kept or harbored within the Village unless a currently valid dog license for the animal has been issued by the County of Lapeer.

Section 5. NUMBER OF DOGS. No more than three (3) dogs over six (6) months in age shall be kept, harbored, or allowed to remain on the premises of any one household. For purposes of this section any building in which people regularly reside shall be considered a single household. The premises of a household shall include the residence, any out buildings, and the land around the residence and buildings.

Section 6. NOISE. No person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog shall permit said dog to bark, howl, or otherwise create a disturbance audible beyond the lot on which the dog is located for a period of time in excess of fifteen (15) minutes.

Section 7. SANITARY REQUIREMENTS. Any animal kept within the Village shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary manner. Animal manure shall be stored and disposed of in a manner which does not cause a nuisance. Dead animals shall be disposed of by their owners in a sanitary manner.

Section 8. IMPOUNDING. Any dogs or other animals apprehended roaming at large within the Village shall be impounded by the Animal Control Officer. Said animals shall be kept in the Village kennels until such time as they are retrieved by the owners or turned over to the Lapeer County Animal Control Department.

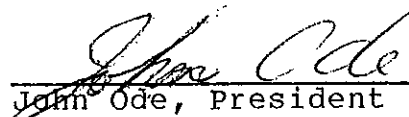
Section 9. DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS. The Animal Control Officer shall have the right to kill an animal which has been severely injured or which, in his opinion, presents a danger to persons or other animals. The Animal Control Officer shall kill only those animals which, in his opinion, cannot be safely apprehended and placed in the Village kennel.

Section 10. FEES. The Village Council shall establish fees for the picking up of animals by the Animal Control Officer and for the keeping of animals in the Village kennels. Any person wishing to retrieve an animal from the Village kennel shall first pay all accrued fees for the picking up and keeping of said animal.

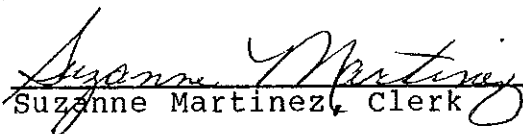
Section 11. PENALTY. Any person who violates a provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or to serve not more than ninety (90) days in the County jail.

Section 12. REPEAL. The former Clifford Village Dog Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 6 adopted on April 15, 1948 and amended on August 15, 1978, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

The undersigned President and Clerk of the Village of Clifford hereby certify that this ordinance was duly adopted by the Clifford Village Council at a meeting held on the 16th day of January, 1990 and was published in the Lapeer County Press on the 24th day of January, 1990. This ordinance was made effective twenty (20) days after the date of adoption.



John Ode, President



Suzanne Martinez, Clerk