

SERIES 9000 - SAFETY REGULATIONS

Chapter 9011 – Animals

An ordinance to control dogs and cats, the clean up after all animals within the limits of the Village of Lake Linden and the penalties for violations thereof.

The Lake Linden Village Police Department, its authorized deputies and/or appointed agents can and will actively enforce this ordinance up to and including making a request of owners/handlers to present proper depositories as outlined in Section 2, subsection B below

SHORT TITLE: This ordinance shall thence be known as the “Village of Lake Linden Animal Ordinance”.

PURPOSE: This ordinance is enacted to preserve and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Village of Lake Linden by requiring cats and dogs to be leashed and to compel owners/handlers to clean up after them.

SECTION 1: LEASH REGULATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to own any dog or cat that does not at all times wear a collar with a tag approved by the director of agriculture, or for any person except the owner or authorized agent, to remove any license tag from a dog or cat; or for any owner to allow any dog or cat, except working dogs such as leader dogs, when accompanied by their owner or his/her authorized agent, while actively engaged in activities for which such dogs are trained, to stray unless held properly in leash. (Adopted from Michigan Compiled Law, MCL 287.262, Sec. 2)

SECTION 2: SANITATION

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animal owned or harbored by him to deposit fecal matter in any place other than the premises where the animal is harbored or kept, unless such fecal matter is immediately collected and removed to the premises where the animal is harbored or kept.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to walk any animal on any property not owned by such person, whether public or private, unless such person has an appropriate device for the collection of fecal matter in his/her immediate possession. Said device must be disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle or taken to the premises where the animal is harbored or kept.

SECTION 3: CRIMINAL PENALTIES

The Village of Lake Linden may commence and pursue criminal proceedings against responsible parties as defined herein to the extent permitted by law. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of up to \$100. Each separate violation of this ordinance shall be considered a separate offense.

Note that this ordinance applies to *all* pet owners while they are in the Village and not just resident owners. Also note that failing to have “an appropriate device for collecting fecal matter” (a bag) is a violation in and of itself.