

TOWN OF MAPLE LAKE, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 1994-02
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE,
AND PROHIBITING VICIOUS DOGS

The Town Board for the Town of Maple Lake, Wright County, Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1. Definitions

- A. The terms "running at large" and "run at large", when used in this ordinance, shall mean and be defined as any place within the platted residential area in the Town of Maple Lake other than on the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian of any dog.
- B. As used in this ordinance "owner" shall mean any person, keeper, custodian, firm or corporation owning, harboring or keeping a dog.
- C. As used in this ordinance "platted residential area" refers to housing developments where three or more homestead lots are abutted to each other. It would not apply to homesteads where there are agriculture or pasture lands between lots.

Section 2. Barking Dogs

No person, owner, or keeper shall keep or harbor a dog, within the platted residential area in the Town of Maple Lake, which habitually barks, howls, or cries more than three times in one minute, or over five times within one half hour. Any such dog is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be impounded and destroyed.

Section 3. Vicious Dogs

No owner or keeper shall keep or harbor a dog within the platted residential area in the Town of Maple Lake which is known to be vicious or destructive. Any such dog is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be impounded and destroyed.

Section 4. Running at Large Prohibited

No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the platted residential area in the Town of Maple Lake.

Section 5. Leash and Control

The restriction imposed by Section 4 above shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the streets of public property when such dog is on a leash and kept under control of the accompanying person, or when such dog is not on a leash, but is under the immediate and complete control of the person charged with its care, either by voice control or otherwise.

Section 6. Contract - Dog Catcher

The Town Board is empowered to contract with a dog pound keeper, a dog catcher and any other officers, including police officers, necessary to enforce the provisions, terms and conditions of this ordinance.

Section 7. 5 Day Notice

Any dog impounded under the provisions of this ordinance shall be kept in a pound for a period of 5 days after a notice of such impounding has been posted in the Town Hall, and the owner, if known, has been notified, except as otherwise ordained in Section 8. All dogs impounded hereunder shall be fed and treated in a humane manner.

Section 8. Unclaimed Dogs

If any dog impounded for any violation of this ordinance had not been claimed or redeemed within the 5 days as herein provided, the pound keeper or any other duly designated officer or agent of the town is hereby authorized and empowered to destroy said dog in a humane manner according to law, or to surrender, without cost, the same to a humane society.