

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-Xa
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 112 DOGS OF THE VILLAGE CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF
BLISSFIELD.

WHEREAS, the Village Council has established council goals and objectives with one of them being to update ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the following ordinance has been proposed to be moved into Chapter 111 Animals; and

WHEREAS, the following ordinance repeal would remove duplicate ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the governing body of the Village of Blissfield, Michigan that Chapter 112 be repealed following passage and publication to repeal hereinafter specified:

112.000 DOGS

REPEAL.

An amendment was adopted DATE which moved this Chapter to a Chapter 111 Articles I & II

~~112.001 Presumption of Ownership.~~

~~Sec. 1. Any person who shall permit any dog or other animal to remain about any premises owned or occupied by them for a period of five days shall be deemed the owner of such dog or other animal for the purposes of this Chapter.~~

~~112.002 Restrictions.~~

~~Sec. 2. No person owning, possessing, or having charge of any dog, four months of age or over, shall permit such dog:~~

~~(a) To be unconfined unless in the custody of some person;~~

~~(b) If vicious, to be unconfined at any time unless securely muzzled and led by a leash and any dog shall be deemed vicious which has bitten a person or domestic animal without molestation, or which, by its actions, gives indication that it is liable to bite any person or domestic animal;~~

~~(c) To be unconfined at any time unless vaccinated against rabies within the past year and unless such dog shall have a tag on its collar showing such current vaccination; provided, this subsection shall apply only to dogs six months of age or older;~~

~~(d) If a female dog, to be unconfined when said dog is in heat;~~

~~(e) To be an annoyance or nuisance in the vicinity where kept because of loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling, or by reason of damaging or trespassing on the property of others.~~

~~112.003 Seizure and Impounding of Dogs.~~

~~Sec. 3. Any dog found at large in the Village, which is doing any of the acts enumerated in, or at large under circumstances prohibited by section 2, or which is suspected of having rabies or of having bitten any person or animal, may be seized, and impounded by the dog warden or any police officer of the Village.~~

~~112.004 Dogs—Rabies Prevention.~~

~~Sec. 4. Any person who shall have in his possession a dog which has contracted rabies or which has been subjected to the same or which has bitten any person, shall upon demand of any police officer or the Health Officer, produce and surrender up such dog to be held for observation as hereinafter provided.~~

~~112.005 Exposure to Rabies—Notice.~~

~~Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of any person owning or harboring a dog which has been attacked or bitten by another dog or other animal showing the symptoms of rabies, immediately to notify the Police Department of his possession of such dog.~~

~~112.006 Impounding and Release.~~

~~Sec. 6. Any dog impounded for observation for rabies shall be held until released by the Chief of Police or otherwise disposed of. Any dog impounded for having bitten any person shall be held for not less than five days and in case any complaint shall have been made before any court having jurisdiction of such cases shall be filed, whereby an order that said dog be killed or confined is sought, then such further time until said case is finally disposed of. All other dogs which may be impounded under the provisions of this Chapter shall be held for not less than five days and shall be released to their respective owners upon payment of such reasonable fee as the Chief of Police may establish, with the approval of the Village Council.~~

~~112.007 Notice to Owner.~~

~~Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Police Department to notify the owner of every dog which shall be impounded, if the owner of such dog can be ascertained, as soon as possible after said dog has been impounded.~~

~~112.008 Disposition of Dogs.~~

~~Sec. 8. After a dog has been kept for five full days and has not been redeemed by his owner, any dog may be destroyed in a humane manner if diseased, injured or of little value or any such dog may, in the discretion of the Chief of Police, be sold or given away to any person whom the Chief of Police believes will keep and care for said dog in a proper and humane manner.~~

~~112.009 Other Animals.~~

~~Sec. 9. No person owning, possessing or having charge of any animal other than a dog shall permit such animal to be an annoyance or nuisance in the vicinity where kept because of loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping, howling, meowing or by reason of damaging or trespassing on the property of others.~~

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

PASSED, APPROVED AND REPEALED this 8th day of January, 2024.

Council Public Hearing Publication: December 20, 2023

Council Public Hearing: January 8, 2024

Ordinance Adoption Publication: January 17, 2024