

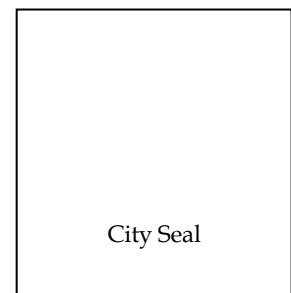
CHAPTER 55
CITY OF PRESQUE ISLE

Pet Welfare Ordinance



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Attest: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk



PET WELFARE ORDINANCE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to enhance and protect the safety of pets.

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

Words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

- A. Pet: A dog, cat or other domesticated animal commonly kept as a companion, but does not include tamed animals that are ordinarily considered wild animals or livestock.
- B. Tethering or Restraint: A rope or chain attached to an animal and attached to something at the other end, thus restricting the animal's movement.

SECTION 2 PROPER SHELTER

- A. The owner of a pet that is outside unattended is required to provide an adequate outdoor shelter of suitable size with a floor above ground and waterproof roof for that animal if:
 - 1. the temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit;
 - 2. or if weather conditions are inclement, i.e. extremely rainy, snowy or windy;
 - 3. or if the pet is shivering.
- B. The shelter shall be placed away from standing water in an area which is dry with suitable drainage, that is free of debris and feces so as not to become a health hazard to other animals or humans or to cause an objectionable odor.
- C. Any person keeping a dog who shelters the dog out of doors shall have outside housing facilities consisting of a four (4) sided structure and roof made of waterproof and windproof material with an "R" factor of .9 (example .9 = ¾" thickness [wood]). There shall be a portal of entry of sufficient size to allow the dog unimpeded passage, which may include a baffled or appropriate sheltered entrance.
- D. This opening shall face south or the direction away from which most wind driven precipitation comes. This shelter shall have a solid floor raised at least three (3) inches above the ground level, with clean and sufficient bedding material to retain the animal's normal body heat.
- E. The shelter shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animal from injury and to contain the animal.

SECTION 3 OWNER MUST CONSIDER TEMPERATURES/WEATHER CONDITIONS

- A. Owners must consider weather conditions in managing their pets. When outdoor temperatures reach 80 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, no pet shall be left unattended outside without free access to shade and clean fresh water to prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

SECTION 4 TETHERING OR RESTRAINT ON PROPERTY

- A. When animals are confined by a chain, tether, or similar device, the tether shall be attached to both the animal and the anchor by a swivel or similar device so the tether will not become entangled or twisted. The chain, tether, or similar device shall be attached to a well-fitting collar or harness that in no way cuts into the animal's flesh, impinges the circulation, ability to ingest food, water or vocalization.
- B. The gauge of the chain shall be appropriate for the size of the animal involved and the chain shall be at least five (5) times the length of the animal from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, except in the case of dogs which are bred and trained as sled dogs, the length of the chain shall be not less than one and one-half (1½) times the length of the dog from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail if tied on a pivot and three (3) times the length of the dog from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail to a stationary point.
- C. Multiple animals kept in such fashion shall be kept far enough apart to prevent the restraining devices from becoming entangled.
- D. Dogs that are tethered at a pivot point permitting a three-hundred sixty (360) degree area of movement will have a minimum chain, tether or similar device two and one-half (2½) times the length of the dog from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail.

SECTION 5 WATER, FOOD AND HEALTH PROVISIONS

- A. The pet shall be provided daily with water that is: clean, free of debris, algae or mold, fresh and suitable for drinking that is adequate for the pet's size, age, and physical condition. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.
- B. The pet shall be provided daily with wholesome foodstuff suitable for the physical condition and age, and, in sufficient quantities to maintain the health of the pet. The food shall be free of mold and foreign matter.
- C. The dog shall have current vaccinations, in compliance with state law, and be registered in the City of Presque Isle.
- D. The pet shall be adequately groomed so that it is free of mats and pests which can affect their health.
- E. Minimum standards of sanitation necessary to provide humanely clean conditions for both indoor and outdoor enclosures shall include periodic cleaning to remove excrement and other waste materials, dirt and trash to minimize health hazards. The area shall be suitably clean so that it produces minimal offending odor and reduces health risk.

SECTION 6 ENFORCEMENT

A Police Officer and/or an Animal Control Officer shall determine if each animal is living in conditions that do not meet standards as outlined above.

SECTION 7 PENALTY

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a minimum fine imposed of \$100.00 for each offense, with a maximum fine imposed of \$500.00 for each offense, said fine to inure to the benefit of the City.

SECTION 8 SUNSET

This Ordinance shall be in force for the term of four (4) years from its effective date. This Ordinance shall become null and void upon the expiration of four (4) years from said effective date, unless recommended and required by the City Council to remain effective prior to such expiration date.