

**IRON RIVER TOWNSHIP
IRON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Ordinance No. 14A Regulation of Animals

Iron River Township, County of Iron, State of Michigan **ORDAINS;**

PURPOSE:

This Ordinance is to protect the general welfare, health and safety of the people and property of Iron River Township regarding the regulation of domestic animals.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

The following shall be violations of this Ordinance:

1. Any dog or cat of any age, licensed or unlicensed, wearing a collar or not wearing a collar, to run at large and trespass on property other than the owner. (A dog engaged in hunting need not be leashed when under the reasonable control of its owner).
2. Any dog or cat of any age, licensed or unlicensed, wearing a collar or not wearing a collar, whether leashed or unleashed, (except a leader dog accompanied by its owner), to be within the confines of any public park or other public place which prohibits such animals by appropriate designation at its entrance.
3. Any dog or cat, at any time, licensed or unlicensed, to destroy property, real or personal, or to trespass in a damaging way on property of persons other than the owner.
4. Any dog or other animal at any time, licensed or unlicensed, to attack or bite a person when such person(s) are lawfully on public highways, public right-of-ways or other lands open to use by the general public.
5. Any person to own any animal which, by loud and frequent barking, howling or yelping, or other noises, is a nuisance in the neighborhood in which said animal is kept, possessed or harbored.
6. Any person to remove a collar or tag from any dog without the permission of its owner, or to decoy or entice any dog out of an enclosure or off the property of its owner, or to

seize, tease or mistreat any dog or other domesticated animal.

7. Any person to own any dog six (6) months old or over, unless the dog is licensed according to the laws of the State of Michigan and/or the County of Iron. No dog shall be exempt from State of Michigan rabies vaccine requirements unless a registered and practicing veterinarian certifies, in writing, that such rabies vaccine would be detrimental to the health of the dog.
8. Any person to own dogs, cats or other domesticated animals in numbers that would cause unsanitary conditions and/or health concerns to the general public.

VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES:

A person or any entity responsible for any activity which violates any section of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Civil Infraction. A person found responsible under this section for a violation shall be guilty of a Civil Infraction as defined at MCLA 600.113, punishable by Civil Fines according to the following schedule:

- First Offense - \$100.00 fine
- Second Offense within one year of First Offense - \$200.00
- Third and all Subsequent Offenses within one year of prior Offense - \$300.00

Each day of violation shall be a separate offense. For purposes of computing the one (1) year period, time shall run from the date the first ticket was issued.

In addition to said fines, the violator shall pay the actual costs incurred by the Township for enforcement, including investigation time, mileage and actual attorney fees.

The Township may also issue an Order enjoining further violations and as necessary obtain injunction relief from the State Court.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT:

The Supervisor and/or Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for administration and enforcement of his Ordinance.

APPLICATION:

This Ordinance shall apply to animals in Iron River Township after the effective date of this Ordinance.

PERSON:

As used herein "person" may mean a natural person or other a legal entity.

REPEAL:

This Ordinance repeals Iron River Township Ordinance No. 14 adopted February 3, 1977 and effective March 7, 1977.

NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED:

The Township shall publish notice of this Ordinance in the manner required by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE:

This Ordinance shall become effective and enforceable within the Township ten (10) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2013 at a regular meeting of the Iron River Township Board.

IRON RIVER TOWNSHIP,

By: Amber Laturi
Amber Laturi
Its: Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF IRON)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28 day of AUG., 2013, by Amber Laturi, Township Clerk.

Lisa A. Griesky
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Notary Public, IRON,
My Commission expires on: 6/18/20