

ORDINANCE NO. 338

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VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE REGULATING MULTIPLE PET OWNERSHIP

WHEREAS, a number of residents of the Village of Bellevue keep on their property a number of pets; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees recognizes that the keeping of multiple pets can create a nuisance in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-60-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code (Ill.Rev.Stat., 1988, ch. 24, §11-60-2) authorizes municipalities to define, prevent and abate nuisances, and Section 24 of the Animal Control Act (Ill.Rev.Stat. 1988, ch. 8, §374) specifically provides that it does not limit the power of municipalities to control and regulate dogs, cats and other animals; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that the best interests of the Village will be served by the regulation of multiple pet owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Definitions.

"Pet" shall mean any domesticated animal over the age of four months kept on property within the Village, including but not limited to, dogs, cats, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, cows, mules or chickens.

"Multiple Pet Owner" shall mean any person or family within the Village that owns more than three Pets.

Section 2: Multiple Pet License.

Multiple Pet Owners shall obtain an annual license from the Village Clerk upon payment of a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Said license shall be obtained no later than the first day of January of each year. Payment by a Multiple Pet Owner shall not exempt such licensee from payment of County of Peoria registration fees for each dog or cat owned by him.

The failure of a Multiple Pet Owner to obtain said license shall be a violation of law for which, upon conviction thereof, such owner shall be penalized not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Section 3: Multiple Pet Owner Requirements.

A Multiple Pet Owner shall consent to the inspection of the premises where his/her Pets are kept or maintained. Such inspection may be performed before issuance of the license or upon receipt of a complaint. Failure to comply with a request for inspection is a violation of this ordinance. Multiple Pet Owners shall conform to the following requirements:

- (1) All dogs and/or cats over four (4) months of age must be inoculated against rabies and registered pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) All Pets must be provided with a continuous supply of fresh water, sufficient food to maintain acceptable body weight, proper shelter, protection from weather and sufficient veterinary care to prevent suffering.
- (3) If Pets are kept or maintained within a structure or building, said building shall:
 - a. Meet County of Peoria health standards;
 - b. Be kept clean, free of feces and urine;

- c. Not constitute a nuisance or danger to the health and welfare of its inhabitants nor surrounding residents.
- (4) If the dogs and/or cats are maintained outside a building during a substantial portion of the day and/or night:
- a. A shelter of sufficient height and width to permit said Pet(s) to stand up and turn around inside when fully grown shall be provided.
 - b. The shelter provided shall provide shade from the sun and shall be located a distance equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) times the width of the shelter from any residence located on lots or parcels of land contiguous to the property occupied by the shelter.
- (5) The Pets shall be prevented from running at large.
- (6) The Pets shall be prevented from causing a nuisance.
- (7) The owner's property shall be kept free of all feces and urine to prevent its accumulation from constituting a health hazard or an odorous nuisance.

Section 4: Effective Date.

The license requirement contained in Section 2 hereof shall become effective for the year 1990. The requirements contained in Section 3 hereof shall become effective upon the passage of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY, 1989.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE

Larry N. Howard, President

Attest:

Carol S. Howard, Clerk

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