

## Port Sanilac – General Regulations

### CHAPTER 91: ANIMALS

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#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **§ 91.01 KEEPING CERTAIN ANIMALS PROHIBITED.**

No person shall keep or suffer to be kept upon any lot or premises owned or occupied by him or her within the corporate limits of the village any animals of husbandry, goats, sheep, swine, poultry or fowl, except on bona fide farms assessed as such; and, further provided that, fencing shall be constructed and properly maintained and so located on such farms as to prevent the occurrence of nuisance to adjoining property owners.

(1989 Code, § 4.200) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99

#### **§ 91.02 UNLAWFUL TO SELL OR PURCHASE.**

From and after the effective date of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or harbor for sale, or to solicit or offer to solicit the sale or purchase of any horses, cattle, calves, swine, sheep, goats, lambs, fowl or any other animals (other than cats or dogs) upon any of the streets, alleys or publicly-owned grounds of the village, without specific approval of the Village Council.

(1989 Code, § 4.210) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99

### **§ 91.03 PARKING VEHICLES CONTAINING LIVE ANIMALS ON VILLAGE STREETS.**

From and after the effective date of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park for more than four hours any vehicle containing live horses, cattle, calves, swine, sheep, goats, lambs, fowl or any other animals upon any of the streets, alley or publicly-owned grounds in the village for the purpose of transferring any of the said horses, cattle, calves, swine, sheep, goats, lambs, fowl or any other animals from one vehicle to another, except in cases where the vehicle becomes defective and usage or impossible to further more the same upon the streets, alley or publicly-owned grounds or said village.

(1989 Code, § 4.220) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99

### **§ 91.04 BEES AND APIARIES.**

(A) The term *APIARY* shall mean any place where one or more colonies of bees are kept and shall include hives, bees and bee equipment associated therewith.

(1989 Code, § 4.300)

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person, as defined in § 10.02 of this code of ordinances, to keep, harbor, maintain, control or otherwise encourage the keeping of bees or apiaries in the village.

(1989 Code, § 4.310)

(Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99

## ***DOGS AND CATS***

### **§ 91.15 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

***IMMEDIATE CONTROL.*** Physical control, such as having chain or leash, and the owner or keeper thereof to have secure hold of such chain or leash.

***PERSON.*** Includes co-partnership, company or corporation.

(1989 Code, § 4.000) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988)

### **§ 91.16 REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS.**

Two adult dogs and two adult cats are permitted per household.

(1989 Code, § 4.010) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988)

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### § 91.17 RUNNING AT LARGE.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing or harboring any dog to suffer or permit the same to run at large within the village. Dogs on leashes and accompanied by the owner or custodian shall not be deemed to be “as running at large”.

(1989 Code, § 4.020) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988; Ord. 13-03, passed 10-1-2013) Penalty, see § 91.99

### § 91.18 NUISANCE; BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS.

No person shall harbor any dog, which, by loud and frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling, shall cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to people passing to and fro upon the streets.

(1989 Code, § 4.030) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99

### § 91.19 LICENSING PROPERLY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a dog unless the same shall be properly licensed in accordance with the provision of Public Act 339 of 1919, being M.C.L. §§ 287.261 et seq., as amended. Any person allowing any dog to be lodged or to remain or to be fed within his or her house, store, building, enclosure or premises for a period of five days shall be held and deemed to be the keeper or owner of such dog.

(1989 Code, § 4.040) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99

### § 91.20 RABIES AND OTHER DISEASES; NUISANCES.

(A) *Rabies proclamation.* Whenever the President of the village may apprehend that there is a danger of the existence of spread of hydrophobia or the spread of other diseases within or near the village, which may spread or increase because of the dogs in or near said village, he or she shall issue a proclamation holding and requiring every person who shall own or keep a dog within the village to confine and muzzle said dog for a term of not less than 30 days, or more 90 days, next after the date of such proclamation. Upon issuing such proclamation, the President of the village shall at once cause the same to be posted or published as provided for ordinances of the said village and may cause same to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the said village.

(1989 Code, § 4.110)

(B) *Spread of disease; duty of residents.* The third day next after the President of the village shall issue such proclamation, provided for in division (A) above, it shall be the duty of every person who shall own or keep a dog within the limits of the village to either confine such dog securely within some building or structure or to some substantial object upon the premises of the owner or keeper of said dog from biting any person or an animal and from being bitten by any other dog, and to keep such dog so confined during the period specified in the proclamation, or to cause such dog to be securely and effectively muzzled during said period of the proclamation, and any muzzle shall not be sufficient unless it be of such form and strength and so attached and fastened as to effectively

prevent such dog from biting any person or animal.  
(1989 Code, § 4.120)

(C) *Declaration of nuisance.* During the time mentioned in such proclamation, which may be upon the streets of the village, whether attached to a chain or leash and in the immediate control of some person without being muzzled (as hereinbefore required) or running at large, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.  
(1989 Code, § 4.130)

(D) *Authorization to contact Animal Control.* During the time mentioned in such proclamations, the Department of Public Safety of the village, and any other officer appointed by the Council of the village, is hereby authorized to contact Animal Control regarding any dog or dogs found running at large within the village at any time after the effective date of this chapter.  
(1989 Code, § 4.140) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988) Penalty, see § 91.99  
**§ 91.99 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person who shall violate the provisions this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished under the provision of § 10.99(A) of this code of ordinances.  
(1989 Code, § 4.400)

(B) The Village Council or its agents may, at their discretion, initiate an appropriate civil action along with a claim for damages to curtail and/or restrain of this chapter.  
(1989 Code, § 4.410) (Ord. passed 6-9-1988)

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