## Polk County, Wisconsin

## AMENDING THE BEHAVIOR OF ANIMALS ORDINANCE **ORDINANCE 24-02**

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend:

Section 3 – Restrictions, by deleting (iv):

(iv) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons.

And amend the (v) and renumber the remaining items to read as follows:

- (v) (iv) Kills **or** wounds, <del>or worries</del> any domestic animal.
- (vi) (v) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
  - (vii) (vi) Can be defined as an exotic animal.

Section 7 – Vicious Animals, b to read as follows:

- (b) No person shall harbor or permit to remain on his premises any animal that is habitually inclined toward attacking person or animals, destroying property, barking excessively or making excessive noises or running after automobiles.
- Section 8 Impoundment of Animals and Fees, b to read as follows:
- (b) Impounding of Animals. In addition to any penalty hereinafter provided for a violation of this ordinance, any police or humane officer may impound any dog, cat, or other animal which habitually pursues any vehicle upon any street, alley, or highway of this Town; assaults or attacks any person or destroys property; is at large within the Town; habitually barks, cries, or howls; kills or, wounds or worries any domestic animal; or is infected with rabies, suspected of having rabies, or has been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies. In order for an animal to be impounded, the impounding officer must see or hear the violation of this section or have in his possession a signed statement of a complaining witness made under oath alleging the facts regarding the violation and containing an agreement to reimburse the Town for any damages it sustains for an improper or illegal seizure.

Section 2: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and legal publication.

Adopted on June 19, 2024, by Resolution 24-16

Aichael Dorsey, Town Chairman

Attested: Janet Krueger, Town Clerk

Posted on June 20, 2024, at the following locations:

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