

ORDINANCE #\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS; ARTICLE II. - DOGS, CATS AND WILD ANIMALS; DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, BY ADDING SEC. 6-41 – CARE OF ANIMALS.

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS ORDAINS:

*Section 1. Ordinance Amendment.*

Chapter 6, Animals; Article II. – Dogs, Cats and Wild Animals; Division 1.-Generally, is hereby amended to add Sec. 6-41 – Care of Animals, to read as follows (new wording shown in bold; deletions shown by strike-through):

ARTICLE II. – Dogs, Cats and Wild Animals; Division 1 – Generally

Sec. 6-41. – Care of animals.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Adequate care* means the provision of sufficient food, water, shelter, sanitary conditions, exercise, and veterinary medical attention in order to maintain an animal in a state of good health.

*Neglect* means to fail to sufficiently and properly care for an animal to the extent that the animal's health is jeopardized.

*Sanitary conditions* mean space free from health hazards including excessive animal waste, overcrowding of animals, or other conditions that endanger the animal's health.

*Shelter* means adequate protection from the elements and weather conditions suitable for the age, species and physical condition of the animal so as to maintain the animal in a state of good health. Shelter for a dog shall include one or more of the following:

- (1) The residence of the dog's owner or other individual.
- (2) A doghouse that is an enclosed structure with a roof of appropriate dimensions for the breed and size of the dog and large enough for a dog

to stand, turn around, and lie comfortably. The doghouse shall have dry bedding when the outdoor temperature is or is predicted to drop below 43 degrees Fahrenheit.

- (3) It shall be unlawful to house or leave a dog of any breed or size unattended outdoors between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (4) It shall be unlawful to house or leave a dog of any breed or size outdoors when the outdoor temperature is or is predicted to drop below 43 degrees or above 82 degrees.
- (5) Housing a dog or cat inside a garage or shed is providing inadequate shelter and further banned within the city.

*State of good health* means freedom from disease and illness and in a condition of proper body weight and temperature for the age and species of the animal, unless the animal is undergoing appropriate treatment.

*Tethering* means the restraint and confinement of a dog by use of a rope or similar device.

*Water* means potable water that is suitable for the age and species of the animal, made regularly available unless otherwise directed by a licensed veterinarian.

**(b) Regulations.**

- (1) Every owner shall provide their animal with adequate care.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to tether a dog on a chain at any time. In addition, it shall be unlawful to tether a dog unless:
  - a. The tether is at least ten feet in length;
  - b. The tether and collar, harness, or other type of collaring device when taken together, do not weigh more than one-eighth of the dog's body weight and do not, due to weight, inhibit the free movement of the dog;
  - c. The manner of tethering prevents injury, strangulation, or entanglement on fences, trees, or other manmade or natural obstacles or objects;
  - d. The collar, harness or any other type of collaring device being used is

designed for that purpose and made from material that prevents injury to the dog.

- (3) It shall be unlawful to feed any animal unwholesome or unsuitable food or unclean water to drink or to place same in unclean or unsuitable containers which are likely to cause or produce disease in the animal.
- (4) It shall be unlawful to overdrive, overload, overwork, torture, torment, cruelly beat, mutilate, cruelly kill, or otherwise abuse an animal or to cause to participate in, or to instigate any such conduct. The cropping of dogs' ears and tails shall be considered mutilation or cruelty unless such cropping is performed by a registered veterinary surgeon while the dog is under an anesthetic.
- (5) It shall be unlawful to transport, carry, or cause to be carried any live animal:

  - a. Upon the hood, fender, running board, or other external part of any moving motor vehicle; or
  - b. Within the open bed of any moving motor vehicle.
- (6) It shall be unlawful to cause, instigate or permit any dogfight, cockfight, bullfight, or other combat between animals or between animals and humans.
- (7) No person shall willfully and maliciously expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not, so that same is liable to be eaten by an animal, except that it shall not be unlawful to expose on one's own premises common rat poisons mixed only with vegetable substances.
- (8) No person shall give away any live animal, fish, reptile, or bird as a prize for, or as an inducement to enter, any contest, game, or other competition; or as an inducement to enter a place of amusement, or offer such animal as an incentive to enter into any business agreement whereby the offer was for the purpose of attracting trade.
- (9) Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domesticated animal shall stop at once and render such assistance as may be possible and shall immediately report such injury or death to the animal's owner; in the event the owner cannot be ascertained and

located, such operator shall at once report the accident to the  
Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department.

Secs. ~~6-41~~ **6-42**—6-68. - Reserved.

**.Section 2 of Ordinance. Repealer.**

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the City Code in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 3 of Ordinance. Severability.**

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

**Section 4 of Ordinance. Savings.**

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

**Section 5 of Ordinance. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication as required by law.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting of the City Council duly called and held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Paul Antolin, City Clerk

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