

ORDINANCE NO. MC-1092

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE HOMEWOOD
MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR DOGS AND
CATS AT LARGE**

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the Police Department has received an increasing number of complaints about dogs running at large; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a nuisance, these incidents present public safety concerns, including traffic hazards, and injuries to people and other animals; and

WHEREAS, the current minimum fine of \$25.00 has remained unchanged for many years and is no longer an effective deterrent; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds it necessary to increase the minimum fine for this offense in order to protect the public and encourage compliance by animal owners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE – AMENDMENT TO THE HOMEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:

Section 8-60 of the Homewood Municipal Code is amended as follows (additional language underlined):

Sec. 8-60. - Dogs and cats at-large prohibited.

The owner or keeper of any cat or dog shall not permit, cause, or suffer such cat or dog to be at-large in any of the streets, public ways, or upon the private premises of any person other than the owner or keeper of such dog or cat. The keeping, housing, maintaining, feeding, or caring for any cat or dog shall be deemed prima facie evidence of ownership of such cat or dog. Any person found in violation of this section, shall, upon conviction, be fined an amount not less than \$150.00 nor more than \$750.00 for each violation.

SECTION TWO – EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2025.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____ Absent: _____