



VILLAGE OF HARTSBURG, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0728-03

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ANIMALS AND PETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF
HARTSBURG**

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hartsburg, Logan County, Illinois, deem it in the best interest of the Village and its residents to promote public health, safety, and welfare by regulating the ownership, care, and control of animals and pets;

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

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

"Animal" means any live, non-human creature, both domestic and wild. "Pet" means any domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather than utility. "Dangerous Animal" means any animal that bites, attacks, or aggressively threatens humans or domestic animals without provocation. "Owner" means any person who owns, keeps, harbors, or has control over any animal.

SECTION II: ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

- A. Animals Running at Large - It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any dog, cat, or other domestic animal to run at large within the Village limits. An animal is considered at large if it is not:
 - a. Restrained by a leash, cord, or chain not exceeding eight (8) feet in length;
 - b. Under immediate voice control and on the owner's property;
 - c. Confined within a secure enclosure or vehicle.
- B. Rabies Inoculation - All dogs and cats over three (3) months of age must be inoculated against rabies annually or as otherwise required by state law. Proof of



current rabies vaccination must be produced upon request by the Village Ordinance Officer or member of the Village administration team.

- C. Nuisance Animals - An animal shall be deemed a nuisance if it:
- a. Damages property not owned by its owner;
 - b. Creates unsanitary or hazardous conditions;
 - c. Causes excessive noise, including barking, howling, or caterwauling, particularly between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
 - d. Chases vehicles or attacks, molests, or threatens persons or other domestic animals while off its owner's property.
- D. Animal Waste Removal - The owner of any animal shall promptly remove and dispose of any excrement deposited by their animal on any public or private property not owned or occupied by the owner. Failure to clean up after an animal shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
- E. Dangerous Animals - Dangerous animals shall not be permitted within the Village limits except under strict confinement and control. Any dangerous animal found at large may be immediately impounded or euthanized if posing an imminent threat. Owners of dangerous animals may be required to:
- a. Maintain liability insurance;
 - b. Post warning signage on their property;
 - c. Use muzzles or secure enclosures when outside.
- F. Impoundment and Redemption - The Village of Hartsburg does not operate its own animal control services or maintain impoundment facilities. In the event Logan County Animal Control is contacted to respond to animal-related violations occurring within the Village, all costs, fees, and charges assessed by Logan County Animal Control shall be the full responsibility of the animal's owner. These costs may include, but are not limited to, service call charges, capture and transport fees, boarding and care expenses, veterinary treatment, and redemption or release fees. Under no circumstances shall the Village of Hartsburg be responsible for any costs associated with the impoundment, care, or release of an animal under this ordinance.



SECTION III: ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- A. Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following fines:
 - a. First offense: \$250
 - b. Second offense (within 12 months): \$350
 - c. Third offense (within 12 months): \$500
 - d. Fourth and subsequent offenses (within 12 months): \$750
- B. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- C. The Village may also pursue injunctive or other legal relief to abate violations.
- D. The Village Ordinance Officer, Village Administration Team, law enforcement, or designated Animal Control Officer shall have authority to enforce this Ordinance.
- E. Failure to pay fines may result in additional legal action or liens upon property as allowed by law.

SECTION IV: Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION V: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION VI: Administrative Fees and Adjustments

The Village Board may, by resolution, adopt and amend a fee schedule for all fees, penalties, and service charges authorized by this ordinance.



SECTION VII: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.


PASSED AND APPROVED by the Village Board of the Village of Hartsburg this 28th of July, 2025.

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NAYS: 0

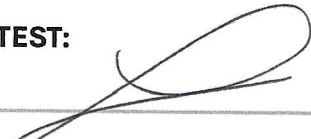
ABSENT: 0

APPROVED:

 7/28/25

Mayor, Village of Hartsburg

ATTEST:

 7/28/25

Village Clerk

