

ORDINANCE NO 20-01

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE VERNON VILLAGE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ANIMALS CHAPTER 10**

The Village of Vernon ordains:

Section 1. That the Vernon Village Code is hereby amended by adding sections to Chapter 10, Animals be numbered 10-31, 10-32, 10-33, 10-34, 10-34.5, to read as follows:

Sec. 10-31 Definitions.

Owner shall include any person having property right in a dog or who keeps, harbors, has in his care, or feeds habitually or allows to remain about his premises any dog, as defined in section 1 of Act No. 339 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1919 (MCL 287.261 et seq., MSA 12.511 et seq.), as amended.

Savage and vicious dog shall be construed to mean any dog which shall have been shown to have attacked any person rightfully on the premises of the keeper or harbor of such dog or elsewhere, unless such attack has been incited by frightening, annoying, baiting or other provocation of such dog.

Cross reference- Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 10-32. Running at large prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow the same to run at large in the village outside the premises of such owner unless properly held in leash, or to keep or harbor in the village any dog which is savage or vicious.

Sec. 10-33. Noisy dogs.

No person shall own, keep, have in his possession or harbor any dog which by its frequent, unreasonable, or habitual howling, yelping or barking shall cause a nuisance by creating a serious annoyance or disturbance to any other individuals in the neighborhood.

Sec. 10-34. Proximity of dog houses, pens, kennels, to residential dwellings, food stores. etc.

No dog house, pen and/or kennel shall be maintained closer than 40 feet to any apartment, house, residential condominium, boardinghouse, private residence, retail food store or other buildings or residences located adjacent to or nearby the pen.

Sec. 10-34.5. Responsibility for animal wastes.

No person shall allow animal waste to accumulate for more than 48 hours on the ground in the open air. No person walking a dog shall knowingly allow it to deposit its feces on property not belonging to that person and shall clean up after said dog in case such incident does occur.

Section 2. Savings Clause. This Ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any ordinance, resolution, order or parts

thereof, hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall in no manner affect any rights, claims, privileges, immunities or causes of action of the Village, County or other person, either criminal or civil, that may have already occurred, accrued or grown out of any ordinance, resolution, order or policy, or any part thereof, hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any ordinance, resolution, order parts thereof, hereby repealed.

Section 3. Validity and Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such a holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Amendment shall be effective from and after the date of its publication.



Kristin Van Dusen, Village President




Krista E. Goodman, Village Clerk

Village Council Member Ethington offered the foregoing Amending Ordinance, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Village Council Member Mac Neil, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Kristin Van Dusen, President	Yes
Robert Mac Neill, President Pro-Temp	Yes
Scott Ethington, Trustee	Yes
Carolyn Pfeiffer, Trustee	Yes
John Rosser, Trustee	Yes
Linda West, Trustee	Absent

The President thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Vernon this 15th day of January, 2020.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 20-01 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Vernon, County of Shiawassee, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 15, 2020.



Krista E. Goodman, Village Clerk