

CHAPTER 2
ANIMALS, DOGS¹

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8-2-1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to:

- A. Provide protection for the residents and property owners of the Village and ensure their health, safety and welfare;
- B. Provide harmonious relations between people and dogs;
- C. Provide security to residents from annoyance, intimidation and injury from dogs and other animals;
- D. Protect animals from improper use, abuse, neglect or inhumane treatment;
- E. Encourage responsible pet ownership; and
- F. Provide for the assessment of penalties for violations and for the enforcement and administration of this Chapter.

8-2-2 McHENRY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Article XVII, *An Article Regulating Animal Control for McHenry County*, as amended from time to time and commonly known and herein referred to as the McHenry County Animal Control Ordinance, is hereby incorporated into this Chapter by reference and as if fully set forth herein. However, in the event there is any inconsistency, conflict or ambiguity between such county ordinance and the remainder of this Chapter, the terms or provisions herein shall control, govern and prevail as against such county ordinance.

8-2-3 NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED

Except as provided in Section 8-2-4, no more than two dogs, not to exceed 40 pounds each, may be kept in a multiple family dwelling unit and no more than four dogs shall be kept on any other property zoned detached single-family residential.

8-2-4 MULTIPLE DOG LICENSE PROGRAM

¹ Comprehensive amendment, Ordinance 2009-10-843

- A. If one seeks to keep more than four dogs and provided that the subject property is zoned detached single-family residential, one may apply for a Multiple Dog License. Any property zoned detached single-family residential on which an owner wishes to keep more than four dogs, four months of age or greater, shall be required to obtain a Multiple Dog License from the Village. Such license shall be limited to detached single family residential dwellings. A Multiple Dog License shall not be issued for property in any other zoning classification.
- B. Application: Applications for such a license shall be made in writing on a form provided by the Village. Said application shall be submitted to the Village Clerk for distribution to the Village Board. Said application shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:
1. Name and address of the applicant, who is the owner of the dogs;
 2. Address of the premises where the dogs will be kept.
 3. Number of dogs existing and proposed on the premises and their names, sex and breed.
 4. Documentation and proof of rabies inoculation and registration with the McHenry County Department of Health for each dog kept on the premises.
 5. Names and addresses of adjoining property owners and/or residents.
 6. Signature of the applicant and date the application was signed.
 7. Signatures of adjoining property owners and/or residents indicating they are aware an application for a Multiple Dog License is being made and whether or not they object to the issuance of such a license on the subject premises. In the event there is more than one property owner of a single lot, the signature of each property owner shall be required. In the event there is more than one resident on the lot (e.g., renter, tenant or lessee) the signature of those persons who are not minors shall be required.
 8. Any other information the applicant believes will support the application.
- C. Multiple Dog License Approval: An application for a Multiple Dog License shall require approval by the Village Board. Such approval shall be granted by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the Village Board. Approval of a Multiple Dog License may be granted if the following conditions are met.
1. All abutting property owners and/or residents do not object to issuance of a Multiple Dog License.
 2. A solid privacy fence, not less than five feet in height, enclosing an area of 400

square feet per dog, installed in compliance with applicable Village ordinances, and designed to confine the dogs to the premises, is provided.

3. Any conditions specific to the subject premises and the requested Multiple Dog License, as set forth by the Village Board to eliminate or alleviate the impact on adjoining property owners, are agreed to by the applicant.
- D. Fee Required: A non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 shall be submitted with the license application. The applicant shall also be required to reimburse the Village for any professional or legal fees incurred by the Village during the review of the application.
- E. Revocation of License: Dogs kept on the licensed premises shall not create a nuisance by excessive barking, by creating unsanitary conditions, or by engaging in any activity that violates the Village Code. The Village Board may revoke an approved Multiple Dog License based upon a recommendation from the Building Inspector or Chief of Police, or upon any complaint made by adjoining property owners or residents. Within 10 days of such revocation, the holder of the Multiple Dog License shall be advised in writing of the Village Board's action. Within 30 days of such revocation an appeal, in writing, may be submitted to the Village Board.

8-2-5 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any violation of this Chapter or of the McHenry County Animal Control Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 for the first offense, \$150.00 for the second offense and \$200.00 for each offense thereafter. Said fine amounts shall be in addition to the Village's cost of prosecution and enforcement, which cost shall include reasonable attorney fees. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each time and on each day an incident comprising a violation of this Chapter is observed.

For purposes of this Chapter, if more than one person resides on, owns, leases, possesses or controls any lot or premises or portion thereof, then all such persons shall be deemed to be a single owner. However, if the lot or premises is improved with more than one dwelling unit, the person or persons who own, reside in, lease, possesses or controls a dwelling unit shall be deemed to be the owner. In no event shall a non-resident owner of property be held liable hereunder where there is a person on the premises who is the renter, tenant or lessee in possession of such premises.

**Multiple Dog License Application
Village of Hebron, Illinois**

Date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Address of premises where dogs will be kept: _____

Number of dogs proposed on-site: _____ Phone number: _____

Signature: _____

Information on dogs kept on premises:

Name	Breed	Sex (m/f)	License #	Spayed/Neutered (y/n)

Please include with your application a sketch drawing showing site dimensions, proposed fencing, any exterior kennel structures being proposed, and the location of abutting neighbors who signed this application. The Village Board may impose specific requirements as a condition of license issuance.

The Village Code requires that owners/residents of residential property abutting the premises where dogs will be kept are notified of this application. Each person signing this form is acknowledging their awareness of the applicant’s request to keep up to _____ dogs at the address listed above and indicating whether they are “for” or “against” the request. Additional comments from abutting owners regarding this request may be made to the Village Board.

Print Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ For ___ Against _____

Print Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ For ___ Against _____

Print Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ For ___ Against _____

Print Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ For ___ Against _____

Print Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

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Print Name: _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ For ___ Against _____

(Please attach additional pages if needed)

The Multiple Dog License has an application fee of \$50.00. Please include a check in this amount made out to the Village of Hebron with your application. Filing of this application and payment of this amount does not negate the need to obtain a building permit for required fencing.

The Village ordinance regarding the Multiple Dog License is available at Village Hall. Your signature on this application indicates you have read and understand the requirements of the ordinance.

Please return this application and fee to: Hebron Village Hall
P. O. Box 372
Hebron, IL 60034-0372

If you have any questions, please call the Village of Hebron at 815-648-2913.

This permit is specific to the premises where the dogs will be kept. A new permit is required if new dogs are kept on the premises or if the dogs are moved to a different location.

Permit approved - denied (*circle one*) for _____ dogs (*insert # of dogs*).

By: _____ Date _____