

**TOWN OF RICHMOND
ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

The Town Board of the Town of Richmond, St. Croix County, Wisconsin, hereby ordains as follows:

1. Dogs Running at Large.
 - a. No person owning, possessing, or harboring any dog shall allow it to run at large. For the purposes of this ordinance, a dog is running at large when it is off the premises or property of its owner and not under the control of a competent person.
 - b. All dogs found running at large shall be seized by a humane officer or law enforcement officer and impounded in the shelter designated as the Town animal shelter. The dog shall be confined in a humane manner. The humane officer or law enforcement officer shall attempt to ascertain the ownership of the dog and notify the owner of any impounded dog in the manner provided in Wis. Stat. § 173.13(3).
 - c. Unless the dog poses a significant threat to public health, safety, or welfare, an impounded dog shall be returned to its owner once (1) the owner claims the dog and provides reasonable evidence of ownership; (2) the dog is licensed as required by ordinance or state statute; (3) the dog is vaccinated as required by ordinance or state statute; and (4) all charges for capture, custody, care, license, vaccination, and treatment of the dog shall be paid by the owner. These charges imposed on the owner by the Town shall not exceed the actual costs incurred by the Town. The Town retains the right to invoice the owner for any unpaid charges.
 - d. Any dog impounded under the provisions of this section and not reclaimed by its owner within seven days may be humanely destroyed by order of the humane officer or placed in the custody of some person deemed by the humane officer to be a proper person to own and care for such animal.
 - e. The Town shall not be liable for the injury or death of any dog which has been impounded or disposed of pursuant to this ordinance.

Adopted by the Town Board on October 14, 2021.

TOWN OF RICHMOND

By:

Gary Knutson
Gary Knutson, Chairman

Attest:

Patrick Earley
Patrick Earley, Town Clerk

Voted For - 5

Voted against - 0

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