

ORDINANCE NO. 85-5

**ORDINANCE REGULATING DOMESTICATED ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE
LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHAPIN**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF CHAPIN, MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1. License Required. No domesticated animal shall be permitted to be or remain in the Village without being licensed as required by County regulations.

SECTION 2. Running of Animals at Large Prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, maintaining or harboring a dog to allow said dog to run at large at anytime beyond the limits of the lands of its owner, and upon the streets, sidewalks or other public or private property. For the purpose of this Section, a dog shall be considered NOT to be at large whenever said dog is under the control of a person by means of a leash, chain, cord or rope of not more than ten (10) feet in length and of sufficient strength to control said dog.

(b) Each violation of the provision of this Section shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. Impounding. Unrestrained dogs and cats, or dogs and cats at large may be taken by police, the Village dog catcher, or County Health officials and impounded in an animal shelter, and there be confined in a humane manner. Impounded animals shall be kept for not less than three (3) days unless reclaimed by their owners. If by a license tag or other means the owner can be identified, the Village dog catcher or County Health Officials shall immediately, upon impoundment, notify the owner by telephone or mail of the impoundment of the animal. Animals not claimed by their owners within three (3) days shall be humanely disposed of by the dog catcher or by County Health Officials delegated that authority, or the pound master where the dog is held.

SECTION 4. Redemption. An owner reclaiming an impounded animal shall pay

a fee of \$6.00, plus all reasonable charges.

SECTION 5. Guard dogs and attack dogs. No person shall leave any guard dog or attack dog unattended in any place in or out of any building unless a warning sign has been placed in a clearly visible location at the premises, located so that it can be seen by any person before entering the place to which the dog has access, warning that a guard dog or attack dog is present. As used in this Section, the term guard dog or attack dog means any dog intended to attack intruders, whether the dog has been trained to do so or the dog does so without training. No guard dog or attack dog shall be left unattended in any place except inside a building or out of doors in a fenced yard, with a fence adequate to prevent the dog from leaving the yard.

SECTION 6. Rabies inoculation. No person shall keep any dog over 16 weeks of age unless such dog has been inoculated by a licensed veterinarian to prevent rabies.

SECTION 7. Nuisance.

(a) No person shall own, keep, have in his possession or harbor any dog or cat which, by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, crying, calling loudly, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles, attacking other domestic animals, or trespassing upon private property, shall cause a nuisance or disturbance to any individual or the neighborhood.

(b) Each violation of the provision of this Section shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 8. Injury to property. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing a dog to permit such dog to go upon any sidewalk, parkway, or private lands or premises without the permission of the owner of such premises and break, bruise, tear up, crush or injure any lawn, flower bed, plant, shrub, tree or garden in any manner whatsoever, or to defecate thereon.

SECTION 9. Restrictions on the number of dogs and cats.

(a) Not more than six dogs or six cats or any combination of six

thereof shall be allowed in the residence or apartment of the owner or the person who has custody of a dog or cat.

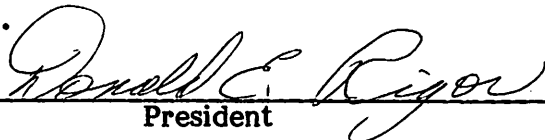
(b) The owner or person who has custody of a dog or cat may retain the puppies or kittens, born of said dog or cat exceeding the permissible numbers set forth in Section 8 for twelve weeks after the birth of the animals. If after that time, there are more than six dogs or six cats or any combination of six thereof, in any one residence or apartment the owner or person in custody of the dogs or cats will be in violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 11. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

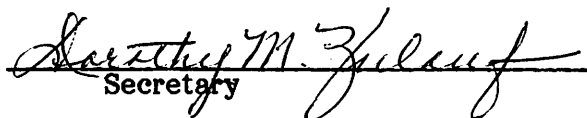
SECTION 12. This Ordinance shall be in effect ten (10) days after adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED this 10th day of July, 1985.



President

ATTEST:



Secretary

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