

ORDINANCE NO. 83-6

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS

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

SECTION 1: Definitions. For purposes of this section, "dangerous animal" means and includes any wild mammal, reptile or fowl which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild nature or disposition and which, because of its size, vicious nature or other characteristics would constitute a danger to human life or property if it is not kept or maintained in a safe manner or in secure quarters. The term "dangerous animal" also means and includes any domestic mammal, reptile or fowl which, because of its size or vicious propensity or other characteristics, would constitute a danger to human life or property if it is not kept or maintained in a safe manner or in secure quarters.

SECTION 2: Permit Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain within the Village any dangerous animal unless a special annual permit therefor is first obtained from the Village Board.

SECTION 3: Issuance of Permit. The Village Board shall issue a special permit for the keeping or maintenance of a dangerous animal if it finds:

(a) That the animal is at all times kept or maintained in a safe manner and that it is at all times confined securely so that the keeping of such animal will not constitute a danger to human life or the property of others.

(b) That adequate safeguards are made to prevent unauthorized access to such animal by members of the public.

(c) That the health or well-being of the animal is not in any way endangered by the manner of keeping or confinement.

(d) That the keeping of such animal does not constitute a nuisance and will not harm the surrounding neighborhood or disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood.

(e) That the keeping of such animal will not create or cause offensive odors or constitute a danger to public health.

(f) That the quarters in which such animal is kept or confined are adequately lighted and ventilated and are so constructed that they may be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(g) That the applicant for such special permit prove his ability to respond in damages to and including the amount of \$1,000 for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damage to property owned by any other person which may result from the ownership, keeping or maintenance of such animal. Proof of liability to respond in damages may be given by filing with the Village Board a certificate of insurance stating that applicant is, at the time of his application, and will be during the period of such special permit, insured against liability to respond in such damages, or by posting with the Village Board a surety bond conditioned upon the payment of such damages during the period of such special permit. Such certificate of insurance or bond shall provide that no cancellation of the insurance or bond will be made unless ten days written notice is first given to the Village Board.

SECTION 4: Investigations. The Village Board, in investigating any applicant for a permit under this section or in the enforcement of this section, is authorized to consult with and seek the advice of the society for prevention of cruelty to animals, the humane society, any representative of the county, or any other individual, agency, organization or society which may be able to provide information and advice concerning the keeping of dangerous animals.

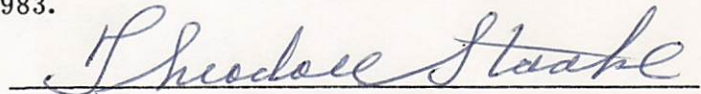
SECTION 5: Inspections. Prior to the annual renewal of any special permit issued hereunder and at least once not more than six (6) months after the issuance of any such special permit or after its renewal, the Village Board shall inspect the premises subject to such special permit to determine whether the person to whom it has been issued is continuing to comply with all of the conditions specified in this section. If the Village Board determines during any such inspection that any of the conditions therein specified are being violated, they shall refuse to renew any such special permit, or they shall revoke such special permit in the event that such violation is not corrected within such period of time as they shall direct. A fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for each such semi-annual inspection.

SECTION 6: Limit on Number of Dangerous Animals. In no event shall a permit be issued for the keeping of more than one dangerous animal at any single location.

SECTION 7: Fees. No permit shall be issued for the keeping of dangerous animals unless all provisions of this section are complied with and a fee of \$25.00 is paid to the Village. Permit fees shall be paid annually on or before the start of the license year.

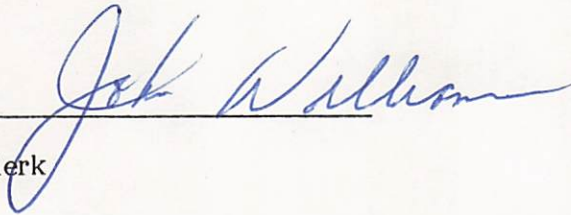
SECTION 8: Penalty. A fine of \$50.00 per day shall be levied for each day any person maintains or keeps any dangerous animal contrary to the provisions hereof.

PASSED this 1st day of June, 1983.



Village President

ATTEST:



Village Clerk



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