

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD CLUB  
DOMESTIC AND ANIMAL OWNERSHIP ORDINANCE**

**A. Purpose:**

The Village enacts this ordinance to secure the public peace, health safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Village of Lakewood Club, Muskegon County, Michigan. The purpose of the ordinance is designed to regulate and limit the keeping, owning, caring, feeding, raising or control over domestic and exotic animals within the boundaries of the Village and to provide penalties for the violation of this ordinance and to repeal any ordinance/s or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

**B. Definitions:**

1. Ownership of animal shall mean the keeping, feeding, caring, sheltering, or control over an animal, whether or not the animal is licensed or titled in the name of the owner.
2. Household shall mean any/all occupants/residents of the property address/legal description.
3. Exotic Animals – any animal other than what is listed in C(1)

**C. Regulations:**

1. The ownership of animals in the Village of Lakewood Club is restricted to dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs and domesticated or caged birds. (Caged birds do not include chickens, ducks and guinea hens).
2. No household may have ownership of more than any three animals in any combination.
5. All animals shall be properly housed and restricted to the property boundaries so as to not become a nuisance pursuant to the Nuisance Ordinance of the Village of Lakewood Club. (Ordinance No. 13).
6. The ownership of any animals for commercial purposes must be approved by the Village Council and is subject to all state licensing requirements.
7. The ownership of any animals not listed in Section C (1) of this ordinance is strictly forbidden and is contrary to the intent of this ordinance.

**D. Animals at large**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning, possessing, or having charge of any animal as defined in C (1) to be at large at any time in the Village or stray beyond the premises of such owner. Animals on leash or being held by the owner/s shall not be deemed to be running at large.

**E. Severability**

The various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, the unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of any remaining provisions of this ordinance.

**D. Penalties:**

Any person, owner, resident, occupant, firm or corporation who violates any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and up to ninety-three (93) days in jail. The continued violated of any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense each and every day such violation shall continue.

**E. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted: November 26, 2007

Posted: December 2, 2007

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Wendy Bloem  
Village Clerk