

Town of Phelps  
Ordinance No. 2011-4  
Dog License Ordinance

Required: Every person, pursuant to Chapter 174, Wisconsin Statutes, and this ordinance, residing in the Town of Phelps who owns a dog which is more than six months of age on January 1 of any year shall, annually, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law for the payment of personal property taxes, seek and obtain a license for such dog, upon payment of a fee set by the Town Board for each neutered male or spayed female, and a fee for each unneutered male or unspayed female. This license shall be for the period of January 1 through December 31. Late fees shall be charged by the Town of Phelps if the license is not purchased by April 1 or if not purchased within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of the dog.

Application: The application for the dog license shall include a certificate of inoculation from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog has been inoculated for rabies and distemper within two (2) years of the application. The application shall include:

- a. The name of the owner
- b. The address of the owner
- c. The business and/or residential telephone number of the owner, if any
- d. The current records of the owner
- e. The name of the dog
- f. The sex of the dog
- g. The condition of the dog as to whether the dog is or is not spade.

At Large: No person shall allow his or her dog or dogs to run at large in the Town of Phelps at any time. A dog is at large when the animal is on any public street, alley, park or other public grounds, or when otherwise off the premises of the owner or person who has custody of such dog, and not constrained by leash or otherwise under the immediate control of the owner or the person who has custody of such dog.

Prohibition against animals in public grounds and facilities: No owner or person having control of any dog, or other animal shall permit such dog or other animal to enter into or be upon any public park, school grounds, public building or other public grounds, even if such animal is leashed and within the immediate control of the owner or custodian of the animal.

Exceptions: The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to any guide dog owned or controlled by any visually handicapped person or law enforcement dogs.

No person shall own or keep any dog in the Town of Phelps that:

- a. Habitually pursues vehicles on highways, roads, streets and alleys, in the Town of Phelps;
- b. Assaults or attacks physically persons in the Town of Phelps;
- c. Bites persons in the Town of Phelps;
- d. Habitually barks or habitually howls to the disturbance and annoyance of persons residing the Town of Phelps.
- e. Remains unlicensed after warning from the Town of Phelps;

Dogs will be reported by the owner or by other person when they know that a dog has bitten any person in the Town of Phelps. The report will be made to the Town Constable. The Town Constable will impound the dog per Wisconsin State Statue at owner's expense or the dog will be immediately confined by the owner or by any other

person reporting the dog bite upon the dog biting the person. The dog will not be released by the owner or by any other person reporting the dog bite until the Constable approves the release.

Dogs that are apprehended and ordered confined shall be kept at the Vilas County Animal Shelter by the Town of Phelps for at least seven (7) days, unless released sooner if claimed by the owner. After that time period noted herein, the dog will either be sold for inoculation, apprehension, confinement and care costs or it will be destroyed in a careful, proper and humane manner. The owner, if he or she claims the dog, shall pay the above noted costs incurred by the Town of Phelps to the Town Clerk of the Town of Phelps. If the dog is unlicensed at time of apprehension, the owner shall pay a penalty of \$25 dollars (\$25.00). The owner shall post bail in the below noted amounts when reclaiming a dog:

1. 25 dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense within one (1) calendar year
2. 50 dollars (\$50.00) for the second offense within one (1) calendar year
3. 100 dollars (\$100.00) for the third offense within one (1) calendar year.

No dog shall own or keep any dog in the Town of Phelps unless the dog is wearing a valid Town of Phelps license tag attached to its collar.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Town Chairman

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Supervisor

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Attest:

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Phelps Town Clerk

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