

NORTHWAY VILLAGE COUNCIL  
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**CODE - ANIMAL CONTROL**

1 - PURPOSE:

The purpose of this code is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of Tribal residents by regulating and controlling the dog population in and around Northway Village. To contain and control the dog population the Northway Village Council hereby enacts an Animal control Code for the purpose of providing public safety to individuals and their property within the jurisdiction of the Northway Village.

2 - DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this code, the following definitions shall mean:

- (a) Dog: The term "dog" shall apply to any canine animal male or female, sexed or neutered.
- (b) Own: The term "own," unless otherwise specified, shall be deemed to mean keep, harbor or have control, charge or custody of a dog.
- (c) Owner: The term "owner" as used in this code shall mean any person keeping, harboring or having charge or control of or permitting any dog to habitually remain on or be lodged or fed within such person's house, yard or premises.
- (d) Vicious Dog: Shall mean any dog which is out of control of the owner and prone to bite or attack any person without provocation.
- (e) Running at Large: The term "running at large means off the premises of the owner or custodian of the dog and not accompanied by or under the immediate control of the owner, a member of the immediate family or the custodian of such dog.

3 - SEIZURE OF ANIMALS:

Any person finding any dog trespassing upon his/her property or public access to his/her injury or annoyance may apprehend or cause an officer of Northway Village Council to apprehend, capture, or take up to same by any reasonable and humane means and may immediately turn it over to the appropriate officer for Northway Village Council who shall take such dog and return it to its rightful owner, if known. If its rightful owner be not known, the officer may dispose of such animal by such humane procedure as is practicable under the circumstances.

Where a dog is found to be running at large, captured, and turned over to the appropriate officer for Northway Village Council the appropriate officer for Northway Village Council shall dispose of such animal by humane procedure.

Any dog that shows signs of being rabid shall be immediately destroyed by any person if there exists immediate danger to the life of another person.

#### 4 - LIABILITY OF OWNERS:

A. Any person who has accepted the responsibility of ownership of any dog(s) shall, if proven, be liable for any damages to life and property of others. . Any person who shall accept the responsibility of caring for dog(s) shall furnish sufficient food and shelter for the animal, protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment.

B. No owner shall permit a dog in heat (estrus) to be accessible to a male dog not in the person's ownership.

C. No person shall knowingly place food of any description containing poisonous or other injurious ingredients in any area reasonable likely to be accessible to any animals except rodents.

D. No person shall permit any animal to cause a disturbance at any time of the day or night by repeated barking, screeching, howling, braying or other like sounds which may be heard beyond the boundaries of the owner's property.

E. No person shall permit any animal to damage and destroy property of others inside or outside of residence, even if it is Trash.

F. It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of any animal whether licensed or unlicensed under this code to suffer, permit or allow such animal to run at large.

G. For the purpose hereof, all dogs within Northway Village and off of the premises of the owner or custodian of such dog and not in an automobile, trailer or similar confinement or which is not effectively restrained by a leash, chain, strap or cord (not exceeding eight feet (8') in length) attached to a collar or harness of such dog and held by some person or made fast to some stationary object, or unless accompanied by or under the control and direction of the owner, member of the immediate family of the owner or custodian of such animal, so as to be effectively restrained by command, shall be deemed running at large and not under the immediate control of the owner or member of the immediate family of the owner or custodian of such dog.

H. Any person who has ownership or accepted the responsibility of a "vicious dog(s)" shall be held responsible for the control of said animal(s) and, as such, will be liable for injuries inflicted

on any person by such animal(s), providing the person(s) are not guilty of trespass on property posted properly, such as "Beware of Dog(s) or No Trespassing" (signs must be legible from at least ten (10) feet away) and in the act of theft or bodily injury

5. CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF VIOLATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL CODE:

The owner of any dog who fails to abide by any of the provisions of this Code shall forfeit not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or more than one Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first violation of said ordinance. For a second or subsequent offense, the owner shall forfeit not less than twenty five Dollars (\$25.00) or more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

6. AREAS OF COVERAGE:

This Code shall be deemed to be effective within the exterior boundaries Northway Village extending to the Northway Road and Northway Highway areas.

7. LIVESTOCK, WILDGAME, POULTRY, PROTECTION FROM DOGS:

It shall be lawful for any person to use whatever force is reasonably necessary, including deadly force, to prevent the immediate killing, injuring or molesting of livestock, wildlife, and poultry by a dog.

8. COLLECTIONS:

All fees and related assessments shall be collected by the Northway Village Council.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, of the Northway Village Council do hereby certify that the Northway Village Council passed this Code at a duly held meeting on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2016, and that the foregoing code was duly adopted at such meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_ FOR, \_\_\_\_ AGAINST,

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Signed