

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 7-1-21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALMA CENTER, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMA CENTER, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 7-1-21 PITBULLS and ROTTWEILERS

(A) It is unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the Village of Alma Center:

(1) Any Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler, except that any such dog registered with the village on the day this ordinance becomes effective may be kept within the village subject to the standards and requirements set forth in subsection (B) of this section. "Pit bull dog" as that term is used in this section is defined to mean:

- (a) The Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog;
- (b) The American pit bull terrier breed of dog;
- (c) The American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog;
- (d) Any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominately of the breeds of Staffordshire bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, or a combination of any of these breeds.

(B) Keeping of Registered Pit Bulls and/or Rottweilers. The provisions of subsection (A) above are not applicable to owners, keepers or harborers of Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs registered with the Village of Alma Center on the first date this ordinance becomes effective. Keeping, owning or harboring of such dogs is, however, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Leash and Muzzle. No person shall permit a Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog to go outside its kennel or pen unless such dog is securely leashed with a leash no longer than four feet in length. No person shall permit a Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog to be kept on a chain, rope, or other type of leash outside its kennel or pen unless a person is in physical control of the leash. Such dogs may not be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees, posts, buildings, etc. In addition, all pit bull dogs on a leash outside the animal's kennel or pen must be muzzled by a muzzling device sufficient to prevent such dog from biting persons or other animals.

(2) Confinement. All Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen to kennel except when leashed and muzzled as provided in subsection (B)(1) of this section. All pens or kennels shall comply with all zoning and building regulations of the village and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(3) **Confinement indoors.** No Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog may be kept on a porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure that would allow the dog to exit such building on its own volition.

(4) **Signs.** All owners, keepers or harborers of Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs within the village shall within ten days of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter display in a prominent place on their premises a sign easily readable by the public using the words "Beware of Dog". In addition, a similar sign is required to be posted on the kennel or pen of such animal.

(5) **Insurance.** All owners, keepers or harborers of Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs must within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ordinance provide proof to the village clerk of public liability insurance in a single incident amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons for damage to property owned by any persons which may result from the ownership, keeping or maintenance of such animal. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy will be made until ten days written notice is first given to the village clerk.

(6) **Registration.** All owners, keepers, or harborers of Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs shall within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this ordinance register such dog with the village by filing with the clerk two color photographs of the dog clearly showing the color and approximate size of the dog.

(7) **Reporting Requirements.** All owners, keepers or harborers of Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs must within ten days of the incident, report the following information in writing to the village clerk:

- (a) The removal from the village or death of a Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler;
- (b) The birth of offspring of a Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog;
- (c) The new address of a Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog should the dog be moved within the Village of Alma Center.
- (d) If the Registered Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog is sold, the name and address of the new owner.

(8) **Animals Born of Registered Dogs.** All offspring born of Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dogs registered within the village must be removed from the village within six weeks after the birth of such animal.

(9) **Failure to Comply.** It is unlawful for the owner, keeper or harborer of a Pit Bull and/or Rottweiler dog registered with the village to fail to comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in this section.

(C) **Violations and Penalties.** Any person violating this ordinance, or any section thereof, shall be subject to a forfeiture of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for the first

violation and Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for subsequent violations. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to any forfeiture, the Court shall order the offending dog removed from the village limits with 24 hours of the conviction for any violation of this ordinance or any section thereof. If the offending animal is not removed within said 24 hours of conviction, the Court shall find the owner in contempt of court and order the immediate confiscation and impoundment of said dog.

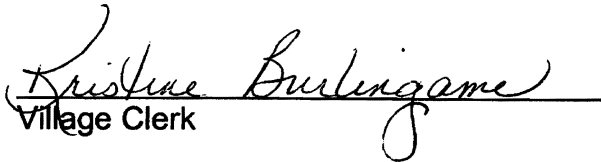
D) EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted at Regular Board meeting of the Village of Alma Center of Jackson County, Wisconsin, this 11th day of June, 2012.


Village President Greg Mandigo

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ATTESTED:


Village Clerk