

**CITY OF BANGOR**  
**VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 293**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to establish standards for the people and animals in the City of Bangor.

**THE CITY OF BANGOR ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1 YARD CLEANLINESS**

Yards and exercise dog runs shall be maintained in a sanitary manner to avoid nuisances due to odor or attraction of flies and vermin.

**SECTION 2 SANITATION PUBLIC PROPERTY**

No person owning, harboring, keeping, or in charge of any dog shall allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate, or commit any nuisance on any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without permission of the owner of said property unless: **THE PERSON WHO OWNS SUCH DOG SHALL IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ALL DROPPINGS DEPOSITED BY SUCH DOG BY ANY SANITARY METHOD.**

**CATS:**

**SECTION 3 UNSANITARY CONDITIONS PROHIBITED**

Shall be designated at the sole discretion of the City. Once such areas have been repaired in a manner that conforms with this Ordinance, the owner shall be notified in writing. All responsibility for further maintenance shall rest with the owner.

**SECTIONS 4 NUISANCE PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any cat within the corporate limits of the City that creates a nuisance by way of noise, meowing, or yowling to the annoyance of the public.

## **SECTION 5 HARBORING CATS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor more than four cats over the age of six months per residence. This shall not apply to a licensed and zoned business.

### **DOGS:**

## **SECTION 6 DOGS TO BE CONTROLLED**

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing, or having charge of any dog to permit or allow such dog to run at large or stray beyond the premises of such owner, unless under reasonable control of some person.

For the purpose of this section, a dog shall be deemed under such reasonable control only:

1. When such dog is off the property of the owner, held properly on a leash such that the person having charge of the dog is able to restrain the dog;
2. When such dog is within the boundary lines of the premises of the owner; or Where such dog is in a motor vehicle; or
3. In a public location where by resolution of the City council and by appropriate signage the area is designated as an "off-leash area" with such rules and regulations as defined by the council for the keeping of dogs posted.

## **SECTION 7 OWNING, KEEPING OR HARBORING CERTAIN DOGS PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor more than 3 dogs over the age of 4 months per residence. This shall not apply to a licensed and zoned business.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog within the corporate limits of the City that:

- 1) Habitually howls, barks, whines, bays, or makes other noises to the annoyance of the public.
- 2) Is kept under such unsanitary conditions that the maintenance or keeping of such dog causes vile smells or odors to the annoyance of the public.
- 3) Destroys property, habitually trespasses in a damaging way, or habitually commits a nuisance on the property of persons other than the owner, keeper, or custodian of such dog.
- 4) Bites or attacks a person, or that bites or attacks and causes serious injury or death to another dog while the other dog is on the property or under the control of its owner. However, a dangerous dog does not include any of the following:

- a. A dog that bites or attacks a person who is knowingly trespassing on the property of the dog's owner.
  - b. A dog that bites or attacks a person who provokes or torments the dog.
  - c. A dog that is responding in a manner that an ordinary and reasonable person would conclude was designed to protect a person if that person is engaged in a lawful activity or is the subject of an assault.
- 5) Habitually runs after or barks at pedestrians, bicycles, or vehicles.
- 6) Is a female dog in heat unless such dog is kept within a confining building or enclosure on the property of the owner, keeper, or custodian.

## **SECTION 8 REQUIRING THAT DOGS BE LICENSED**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own any dog over the age of six (6) months, within the City of Bangor, that does not have a valid license tag.

## **SECTION 9 OTHER ANIMALS**

It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain any of the following animals within the city limits, cattle, horses, ponies, sheep, goats, rabbits, pigs, or any other non-domesticated animal.

## **SECTION 10 USE OF HORSES**

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow horses to use or be used upon any public property including sidewalks and parks. There shall be an exception to the use of a horse as a way of transportation for the Amish.

There shall be an exception to having a horse in the City limits if the person or family is Amish.

## **SECTION 11 CHICKENS**

It shall be unlawful for a property owner to own/possess chickens in the City of Bangor unless the property owner has been granted a permit **before** the possession of chickens. It shall be unlawful for any person/property owner to possess a rooster in the City of Bangor. It shall be unlawful to have free-range chickens in the City of Bangor. All Chickens must have a chicken coop and be locked in a fence at all times. Each property owner will only be allowed 12 chickens.

The City of Bangor has the right to take a chicken permit away from the owner or property owner if one of the ordinances is broken. The owner will then have 48 hours to clear the chickens from the property or the owner could face a civil infraction which will be found in Section 12 under Penalties in the Animal Ordinance.

### **SECTION 12 PENALTIES**

It shall be a \$50.00 civil infraction for each time the ordinance is broken. Dog at large penalties will be issued to the owner by the police if needed.

### **SECTION 13 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bangor held on \_\_\_\_\_, adoption of the foregoing ordinance was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

Voting for: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting against: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Farmer declared the ordinance adopted.

### CERTIFICATION

I further certify that Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved for adoption of said Ordinance No. 293, and that Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded said motion.

I further certify that the following members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_ and that the following members voted against such Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_

I further certify that said Ordinance No. 293 has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City of Bangor.

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Bangor, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan, at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the same being the Open Meetings Act, and the Minutes of said meeting have been or will be made available as required by said Act.

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Shelly Umbanhowar  
City Clerk  
City of Bangor