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### Sec. 7-1-1 Definitions.

- (a) **Definitions.** In this Chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise require, the following definitions shall be applicable; in addition, the definitions contained in Sections 7-1-7 shall also be applicable:

- (1) **Animal.** Mammals, reptiles and birds.
- (2) **Animal Control Authority.** The persons and entities responsible for enforcement of the animal control laws of the Village of Wheeler, or such person as is designated by the Village (law enforcement officer or animal control officer), whether acting alone or in concert with other responsible persons and/or local governmental units.
- (3) **Animal Control Officer.** Any individual employed, contracted with, or appointed by the Village of Wheeler for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this Chapter.
- (4) **At large.** To be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or otherwise, but a dog, cat or other animal within an automobile of its owner, or in an automobile of any other person with the consent of the owner of said dog, cat or other animal shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises. The owner of an animal may raise an affirmative defense that any animal not under the control of some person by leash is in fact under control by command or other reasonable means. A dog, cat or other animal is not at large if it is in the presence of its owner, is fully controlled, is trained and is in a public park or other public recreational area. [See Sec. 7-1-6(b) standards for leash control].
- (5) **Bodily Harm.** Bodily injury including, but not limited to, a bruise, abrasion, scratch, bite mark, puncture, laceration, any fracture of a bone, a concussion, a loss or fracture of a tooth or any temporary loss of consciousness, sight or hearing.
- (6) **Caretaker.** Any person who, in the absence of the owner, temporarily harbors, shelters, keeps or is in charge of a dog, cat or any other domesticated bird or animal.
- (7) **Cat.** Any feline, regardless of age or sex.
- (8) **Confined.** Restriction of an animal at all times by the owner to an escape-proof building.
- (9) **Cruel.** Causing unnecessary and excessive pain or suffering or unjustifiable injury or death. Additionally, it shall be unlawful to tease, annoy, disturb, molest or irritate an animal that is confined to the owner's property.
- (10) **Dangerous Animal.** Means any of the following:
  - a. Any animal which, when unprovoked, inflicts bodily harm on a person, domestic pet or animal on public or private property.
  - b. Any animal which repeatedly chases or approaches persons in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, without the permission of the owner or person in lawful control of the property.
  - c. Any animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to cause injury to, or otherwise threaten the safety of humans or other domestic animals.
- (11) **Dog.** Any canine, regardless of age or sex.
- (12) **Dog Pack.** A group of two (2) or more dogs running upon either public or private property not that of their owner, in a state in which either their control or ownership is in doubt or cannot readily be ascertained, and when such dogs are not restrained or controlled.

- (13) **Farm Animal.** Any warm-blooded animal normally raised on farms in the United States and used for food or fiber.
- (14) **Kennel.** An establishment where dogs are bred, trained or boarded and where more than three (3) dogs are kept.
- (15) **Law Enforcement Officer.** Has that meaning as appears in Sec. 967.02(5), Wis. Stats., and includes a humane officer under Sec. 58.07, Wis. Stats., but does not include a conservation warden appointed under Sec. 23.10, Wis. Stats.
- (16) **Molest.** Excessive barking, running up to or charging, threatening, jumping on or otherwise harassing people or other domestic animals or the passing public that are in the public right-of-way or on public property, or on their own property or property of anyone other than the owner or custodian of the animal.
- (17) **Neutered.** A dog or cat having nonfunctional reproductive organs.
- (18) **Owner.** Any person owning, harboring, having an interest in, having control or custody of, or keeping a dog, cat or other animal and/or the occupant or caretaker of any premises on which a dog, cat or other animal remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of five (5) or more consecutive days; such person is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog, cat or other animal within the meaning of this Section.
- (19) **Pet.** An animal kept and treated as a domesticated or household pet.
- (20) **Residential Lot.** A parcel zoned as residential, occupied or to be occupied by a dwelling, platted or unplatted and under common ownership. For the purpose of this Chapter, any vacant parcel or parcels adjoining a dwelling and under the same ownership shall constitute one (1) lot.
- (21) **Restrain.** Includes notifying the dog or cat's owner or an officer and requesting either the owner or officer to capture and restrain the dog or cat, or capturing and restraining the dog or cat, and killing the dog or cat if the circumstances require immediate action if a serious safety threat is posed to a person or animal.
- (22) **Serious Bodily Harm.** Bodily harm which causes death, creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or which causes a permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ or other serious bodily injury requiring medical care or treatment.
- (23) **Service Animal.** Any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.
- (24) **Stray or Abandoned Animal.** Any animal whose owner or custodian remains unidentified after a period of seven (7) days.
- (25) **Untagged.** Not having a valid license tag attached to a collar kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area.

*State Law Reference:* Sections 174.05 through 174.10, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-1-2 Rabies Vaccination Required for License.

- (a) **Rabies Vaccination.** The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days after the dog reaches four (4) months of age and revaccinated within one (1) year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into the Village of Wheeler after the dog has reached four (4) months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within thirty (30) days after the dog is brought into the Village of Wheeler unless the dog has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination. The owner of a dog shall have the dog re\_vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date of that immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within two (2) years after the previous vaccination. The certificate of vaccination shall meet the requirements of Sec. 95.21(2), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Issuance of Certificate of Rabies Vaccination.** A veterinarian who vaccinates a dog against rabies shall complete and issue to the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination bearing a serial number and in the form approved by the Village of Wheeler stating the owner's name and address, the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or unneutered, breed and color of the dog, the date of the vaccination, the type of rabies vaccination administered and the manufacturer's serial number, the date that the immunization expires as specified for that type of vaccine by the Center for Disease Control of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Village of Wheeler.
- (c) **Copies of Certificate.** The veterinarian shall keep a copy of each certificate of rabies vaccination in a file maintained for this purpose until the date that the immunization expires or until the dog is revaccinated, whichever occurs first.
- (d) **Rabies Vaccination Tag.** After issuing the certificate of rabies vaccination, the veterinarian shall deliver to the owner a rabies vaccination tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the certificate, the year the vaccination was given and the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- (e) **Tag to be Attached.** The owner shall attach the rabies vaccination tag or a substitute tag to a collar and a collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog at all times, but this requirement does not apply to a dog during competition or training, to a dog while hunting, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. The substitute tag shall be of a durable material and contain the same information as the rabies vaccination tag. The requirements of this paragraph do not apply to a dog which is not required to be vaccinated under Subsection (a).
- (f) **Duplicate Tag.** The veterinarian may furnish a new rabies vaccination tag with a new serial number to an owner in place of the original tag upon presentation of the certificate of rabies vaccination. The veterinarian shall then indicate the new tag number on the certificate and keep a record in the file.
- (g) **Cost.** The owner shall pay the cost of the rabies vaccination and the cost associated with the issuance of a certificate of rabies vaccination and the delivery of a rabies vaccination tag.

## Sec. 7-1-3 Issuance of Dog and Multiple-Dog (Kennel) Licenses.

### (a) Dog Licenses.

- (1) **License Requirement.** It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Wheeler to own, harbor or keep any dog more than five (5) months of age without complying with the provisions of Sec. 174.05 through Sec. 174.10, Wis. Stats., relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.
- (2) **Owner's Responsibility to Obtain License.** The owner of any dog more than five (5) months of age on January 1 of any year, or five (5) months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes five (5) months of age, pay a license tax and obtain a license.
- (3) **Dog License Tax.**
  - a. The minimum State license tax under this Section shall be charged in accordance with Sec. 174.05, Wis. Stats., as amended. An additional Village tax pursuant to Sec. 174.05, Wis. Stats., shall be paid on each dog license issued and the amount of Village tax shall not exceed the total cost of all dog licensing, regulating and impounding activities for the previous year, less any refund which may be received under Sec. 174.09(2), Wis. Stats. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on the following December 31. The dog license tax under this Section shall be:
    1. Neutered males and spayed females: As prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
    2. Unneutered males and unspayed females: As prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
  - b. If the dog becomes five (5) months of age after July 1 of the license year, the license fee shall be one-half of the license fee.
- (4) **Proof of Rabies Vaccination; License Issuance.** Upon payment of the required license tax and upon presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, as required by Section 7-1-2 of this Chapter, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall complete and issue to the owner a license for such dog containing all information required by state law. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall also deliver to the owner, at the time of issuance of the license, a tag of durable material bearing the same serial number as the license, the name of the county in which issued and the license year.
- (5) **License Tag.**
  - a. The owner shall securely attach the tag to a collar and the collar with the tag attached shall be kept on the dog for which the license is issued at all times, except as provided in Section 7-1-2(e).
  - b. The fact that a dog is without a tag attached to the dog by means of a collar shall be presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed. Any law enforcement or humane officer may seize, impound or restrain any dog for which a dog license is required which is found without such tag attached.

### (b) Multiple Dog Kennel Licenses.

- (1) **License Requirement.** Any person who keeps more than three (3) dogs shall, instead of the license tax for each dog required by this Chapter, apply for a multiple dog

license for the keeping of the dogs. Such person shall pay for the license year a license tax as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 for twelve (12) or fewer dogs and an additional fee for each dog in excess of twelve (12). Upon payment of the required multiple dog license tax and, if required by the Village, upon presentation of evidence that all dogs over five (5) months of age are currently immunized against rabies, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall issue the multiple dog license and a number of tags equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept. Multiple dogs may only be located in residential areas following a public hearing and approval by the Village Board; the Village Board may attach conditions to such approval as a conditional use under the Village's Zoning Code. (See also Section 7-1-21).

- (2) **License Tag; Exceptions.** The owner or keeper of multiple dogs shall keep at all times a multiple dog license tag attached to the collar of each dog over five (5) months old kept by the owner or keeper under a multiple dog license but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area. The rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag shall remain attached to the dog for which it is issued at all times but this requirement does not apply to a show dog during competition, to a dog securely confined indoors or to a dog securely confined in a fenced area.
  - (3) **Confinement/Leash Requirement.** No dog bearing a multiple dog tag shall be permitted to stray or to be taken anywhere outside the limits of the owner's premises unless the dog is on a leash or temporarily unconfined/unleashed for the purposes of hunting, breeding, trial, training or competition.
  - (4) **Multiple Dog Definition.** The term "multiple dog" means any establishment wherein or whereon three (3) or more dogs are kept.
  - (5) **Humane Dog Treatment Requirement.** No multiple dog license shall be issued to the keeper or operator of multiple dogs who fails to provide proper food and drink and proper shelter for the dogs or who neglects or abandons said dogs. Designated officials shall investigate any complaints regarding the failure to maintain proper standards or investigate any multiple dog premises upon his/her own initiative. Expressly incorporated by reference in this Section as minimum standards for multiple dog keepers or operators are the relevant provisions of Ch. 174, Wis. Stats.
  - (6) **Inspection Consent.** A condition of a multiple license shall be that the licensed premises may be entered and inspected at any reasonable hour by appropriate Village officials without any warrant, and the application for a license hereunder shall be deemed a consent to this provision. Any refusal to permit such inspection shall automatically operate as a revocation of any license issued hereunder and shall be deemed a violation of this Section. Should any multiple dog license be found to constitute a public nuisance, the license shall be revoked and the nuisance abated pursuant to Village ordinances.
- (c) **Exemption for Leader Dogs and Service Animals.**
- (1) **Service Animals.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, all service animals specifically trained to work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability are exempt from the licensing tax and every person owning such dog shall receive



annually a dog license from the Village Clerk-Treasurer at no charge upon proper application thereof and proper vaccination required in Subsection (a)(4).

- (2) **Leader Dogs.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, every dog specifically trained to lead blind or deaf persons is exempt from the licensing tax and every person owning such dog shall receive annually a dog license from the Village Clerk-Treasurer at no charge upon proper application therefor and proof of rabies vaccination required in Subsection (a)(4).

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 174.053, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-1-4 Late Fees.

The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) from every owner of a dog or cat five (5) months of age or over if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or cat or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog or cat reached licensable age. Said late fee shall be charged in addition to the required license fee.

## Sec. 7-1-5 Rabies Quarantine.

- (a) **Area-Wide Rabies Quarantines.**
  - (1) **Area Confinement Order.** If a district is quarantined for rabies, all dogs, cats or ferrets within the Village of Wheeler shall be kept securely confined, tied, leashed or muzzled. Any dog, cat or ferret not confined, tied, leashed or muzzled is declared a public nuisance and may be impounded. All officers shall cooperate in the enforcement of the quarantine. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall promptly post in at least three (3) public places in the Village notices of quarantine.
  - (2) **Exemption of Vaccinated Dog or Cat from Village Quarantine.** A dog or cat which is immunized currently against rabies, as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence, is exempt from the Village quarantine provisions of Subsection (a) if a rabies vaccination tag or substitute tag is attached to the dog's or cat's collar.
- (b) **Quarantine or Sacrifice of an Animal Suspected of Biting a Person or Being Infected or Exposed to Rabies.**
  - (1) **Quarantine or sacrifice.** A law enforcement or animal control officer shall order a dog, cat or ferret quarantined if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person, is infected with rabies or has been in contact with a rabid animal. If a quarantine cannot be imposed because the dog, cat or ferret cannot be captured or

such animal exhibits actual signs of rabies, the officer may kill the animal. The officer shall attempt to kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head. No person shall interfere with Village of Wheeler authorities or agents in carrying out their duties in this regard. All expenses thus incurred shall be paid by the owner or the person having custody of such dog, cat or ferret.

(2) ***Sacrifice of other animals.***

- a. An officer may order killed or may kill an animal other than a dog, cat or ferret if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person or is infected with rabies.
- b. Any domesticated wild animal that has bitten any person, inclusive of, but not limited to, wolf-dog hybrids, skunks and raccoons, shall be immediately destroyed by a licensed veterinarian and the proper specimen from the animal tested for rabies by the State Laboratory of Hygiene. All expenses connected therewith shall be charged to the owner or custodian of the animal.

(c) **Quarantine Procedures.**

- (1) ***Vaccinated Animal Bite Incidents.*** Any dog, cat or ferret which has bitten any person, and whose owner shows evidence of a current rabies inoculation, shall be quarantined at such place as designated by law enforcement or health authorities for a minimum period of ten (10) days. The dog, cat or ferret shall be examined by and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian within twenty-four (24) hours of a quarantine notice and again on the tenth (10th) day after the incident. If, in the opinion of law enforcement or health authorities, the vaccinated animal cannot be confined securely at the residence of its owner or custodian, or exhibits signs of illness as determined by a licensed veterinarian, the dog, cat or ferret shall be quarantined at a veterinary hospital under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- (2) ***Unvaccinated Animal Bite Incidents.*** Any dog, cat or ferret which has bitten any person and which does not display evidence of rabies inoculation shall be quarantined within twenty-four (24) hours of the quarantine order at a veterinary hospital under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian for a minimum of ten (10) days. "Supervision of a licensed veterinarian" includes, at a minimum, examination of the animal on the first day of isolation and on the last day of isolation. If the veterinarian certifies that the dog, cat or ferret has not exhibited any signs of rabies, the animal may be released from quarantine at the end of the observation period. After such period of time, such veterinarian shall report his/her determination or findings thereof in writing.
- (3) ***Risk to Animal Health Due to Suspected Exposure to a Rabid Animal.***
  - a. If a dog, cat or ferret is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal has been exposed to a rabid animal and if the dog, cat or ferret is not currently immunized against rabies, the custodian of an isolation

facility or the owner shall keep the animal leashed or confined for one hundred eighty (180) days. The owner shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies between one hundred fifty-five (155) and one hundred sixty-five (165) days after the exposure to a rabid animal.

- b. If a dog, cat or ferret is ordered to be quarantined because there is reason to believe that the animal has been exposed to a rabid animal but if the dog, cat or ferret is immunized against rabies, the custodian of an isolation facility or the owner shall keep the animal leashed or confined for sixty (60) days. The owner shall have the animal revaccinated against rabies as soon as possible after exposure to a rabid animal.
  - c. No person shall keep or harbor any dog or other domesticated animal, whether licensed or not, which is known to be, or when there is good reason to believe the same to be, mad, rabid, vicious or dangerous to the public.
- (4) ***Destruction of an Animal Exhibiting Symptoms of Rabies.*** If a veterinarian determines that a dog, cat, ferret or other animal exhibits symptoms of rabies during the original or extended observation period, the veterinarian shall notify the owner and the officer who ordered the animal quarantined and the officer or veterinarian shall kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head. If the dog, cat, ferret or other animal is suspected to have bitten a person, the veterinarian shall notify the person or the person's physician.
- (d) **Delivery of Carcass; Preparation; Examination by Laboratory of Hygiene.** An officer who kills an animal shall deliver the carcass to a veterinarian or local health department. The veterinarian or local health department shall properly prepare and package the head of the animal in a manner to minimize deterioration, arrange for delivery by the most expeditious means feasible of the head of the animal to the State Laboratory of Hygiene and dispose of or arrange for the disposal of the remainder of the carcass in a manner which minimizes the risk or exposure to any rabies virus. The State Laboratory of Hygiene shall examine the specimen and determine if the animal was infected with rabies. The State Laboratory of Hygiene shall notify the Village of Wheeler, the veterinarian or local health department which prepared the carcass and, if the animal is suspected to have bitten a person, that person or the person's physician.
  - (e) **Cooperation of Veterinarian.** Any practicing veterinarian who is requested to be involved in the rabies control program by an officer is encouraged to cooperate in a professional capacity with the Village of Wheeler, the Laboratory of Hygiene, the applicable health department, the officer involved and, if the animal is suspected to have bitten a person, the person's physician.
  - (f) **Responsibility for Quarantine and Laboratory Expenses.** The owner of an animal is responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with keeping the animal in an isolation facility, supervision and examination of the animal by a veterinarian, preparation of the carcass for laboratory examination and the fee for the laboratory examination.

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- (g) **State Laws Adopted by Reference.** The provisions of Sec. 95.21 and Chs. 173 and 174, Wis. Stats., insofar as the same are applicable and exclusive of penalties, are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Section with the same force and effect as those set forth verbatim herein. Any amendments to those sections shall be adopted by reference as if they were fully set forth herein.

*State Law Reference:* Secs. 95.21 and 174.02(3), Wis. Stats.

## **Sec. 7-1-6      Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals.**

- (a) **Restrictions.** It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village of Wheeler to own, harbor or keep any dog or cat which:
- (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Village.
  - (2) Molests people, domestic animals, or passing vehicles.
  - (3) Attacks persons or domestic animals without provocation when such persons or domestic animals are peacefully conducting themselves in a place where they are lawfully entitled to be.
  - (4) Is repeatedly at large within the limits of the Village of Wheeler.
  - (5) Is at large on school grounds, parks or cemeteries in violation of Village ordinances.
  - (6) Damages private or public property.
  - (7) Does not have the current vaccination as required by Section 7-1-2.
  - (8) Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any reasonable person or persons in an excessive, continuously or untimely manner. (See Section 7-1-14.)
  - (9) Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
  - (10) Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
  - (11) In the case of a dog, is unlicensed.
  - (12) Is tied or leashed in a manner that prohibits or impairs the reading of utility meters.
  - (13) Is permitted by its owner to run in dog packs.
- (b) **Unleashed Dogs or Other Animals Running at Large.**
- (1) No owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of any dog or other animal shall permit the same to be unleashed or unrestrained at any time said dog or other animal is not on the owner's, keeper's, harbinger's, or caretaker's property or premises and which is upon any public street, alley, right-of-way or any school ground, public park, cemetery or other public or private property without the permission of the owner or occupier of the property.
  - (2) A dog or other animal which is leashed or otherwise restrained by any device that is less than ten (10) feet in length, which is of sufficient strength to restrain and control

said dog or other animal, and is held by a person competent to govern and control said animal, who has obtained the age of ten (10) years or more, and is able to prevent said dog or animal from annoying or worrying pedestrians or from trespassing on private or public property. Furthermore, a dog or other animal is not unleashed or uncontrolled and at large if it is properly restrained within a motor vehicle.

- (3) A service animal (as defined in Section 7-1-1) shall not be considered running at large whether or not the animal is on a leash if the animal is in the immediate company of the owner or immediately responds and obeys (e.g. a dog playing a game of "fetch" in a field or walking alongside its owner, a member of the owner's immediate family or the assisting individual of the service animals' owner).
  - (4) Any person or entity who violates this Subsection (b) shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), together with any impoundment under Section 7-1-8.
- (c) **Owner's Liability for Damage Caused by Dogs or Other Animals; Penalties.** The provisions of Sec. 174.02, Wis. Stats., relating to the owner's liability for damage caused by dogs and other animals together with the penalties therein set forth are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) **Owner's Responsibility for Animal Bites.** It is the responsibility of an animal's owner when such dog or other animal bites a person, including when that person is lawfully present on the property.

## **Sec. 7-1-7 Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dogs and Animals; Potentially Dangerous Dog Supplemental License.**

- (a) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Vicious Dog or Other Animal.** Any dog or other animal that:
    - a. Bites or inflicts serious injury on a human being or a domestic animal without provocation on public or private property. (If the dog or other animal inflicts serious injury in a manner other than biting, said dog or other animal shall also be deemed and presumed to be vicious under this Section);
    - b. On one (1) separate occasion has killed, seriously bitten, or otherwise caused serious injury to a domestic animal off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog;
    - c. Has been previously found to be potentially dangerous, the owner having received notice of such, and the dog again aggressively bites, attacks or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals;
    - d. Is owned or harbored primarily, or in part, for the purpose of dog fighting or any dog trained for dog fighting;

- e. Is a "potentially dangerous dog", as defined in this Section, that has been permitted or allowed to run free and unrestrained off the property of its owner;
  - f. Has been animal brought from another city, village, town or county that has been declared dangerous or vicious by that jurisdiction; or
  - g. Has, since the effective date of this Section, demonstrated a propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury, or otherwise to threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals.
- (2) **Potentially Dangerous Dog or Other Animal.**
- a. Any dog or other animal which, when unprovoked, engages in any behavior that requires a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury when the person and the dog are off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog. Such behavior would include situations when the dog or other animal, when unprovoked, chases or approaches a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack on public or private property.
  - b. Any dog or other animal which, when unprovoked, bites a person, causing a less severe injury than is defined in Subsection (a)(1) above.
- (3) **Serious Injury.** Shall be defined as any abrasions, bruising, cuts, broken bones, lacerations, internal injuries, torn or pulled ligaments or muscles, head injuries, or any other such similar condition.
- (4) **Proper Enclosure of a Dangerous Dog.** While on the owner's property, a dangerous dog shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top, and shall also provide protection from the elements for the dog.
- (b) **Vicious Dogs Prohibited.** No person shall harbor, keep or maintain within the Village of Wheeler any vicious dog or other animal. Any dog or other animal alleged to be vicious by virtue of an attack upon a human being or domestic animal shall be impounded as directed by the authorities until disposition of the charge issued by citation. Moreover, the owner of any dog or other animal found to be vicious in the trial of the charge of harboring a vicious dog or other animal, or by plea to such a charge, shall be prohibited from returning that dog or other animal to the Village of Wheeler.
- (c) **Penalty for Keeping Vicious Dogs or Animals in Violation of Subsection (b).**
- (1) **Forfeiture.** Any person convicted of violating Subsection (b) above shall pay a forfeiture of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) together with all costs and assessments. Each day that a person owns, harbors, keeps, maintains or cares for any vicious dog or other animal in violation of this Section may be deemed a separate and distinct violation, subject to separate citations and convictions. Furthermore, any violation of Subsection (b) above shall result in a further penalty of having the subject animal or

dog impounded by any law enforcement or animal control officer of the Village of Wheeler, or any law enforcement or animal control officer of any jurisdiction authorized by the Village to enforce or effectuate the Village of Wheeler's ordinances.

- (2) **Impoundment.** In the event that any vicious dog or animal has been impounded, said dog's or animal's owner shall be required to make arrangements to have said animal removed from the corporate limits of the Village of Wheeler within seven (7) days of impoundment. In the event any impounded animal has not had arrangements made to remove said animal from the corporate limits of the Village of Wheeler within said seven (7) day period, any law enforcement officer or animal control officer for the Village of Wheeler shall be authorized to destroy said animal.
- (d) **Restrictions and Rules Regarding Potentially Dangerous Dogs or Animals.**
- (1) **Hearing.** If a law enforcement or animal control officer for the Village of Wheeler (or any other enforcement agency having jurisdiction and authority to enforce this Section), has investigated and determined that there exists probable cause to believe that a dog or other animal which is owned, harbored, kept or cared for within the Village of Wheeler corporate limits is potentially dangerous as that term is defined herein, a law enforcement officer or animal control officer for the Village of Wheeler or his/her designee, shall petition the Village Board for a hearing for the purpose of determining whether or not the dog or other animal in question, should be declared potentially dangerous. Whenever possible, any complaint received from a member of the public which serves as part of the evidentiary basis for the animal control officer or law enforcement officer to find probable cause, shall be sworn to and verified by the complainant and shall be attached to the aforementioned petition. Notice of the hearing before the Village Board shall be given to the owner, caretaker or keeper of the dog or animal in question no less than seven (7) days prior to said hearing, with said notice, together with a copy of the petition, and all sworn complaints to be either served personally, or by first class mail with return receipt requested. All hearings under this Section shall be open to the public.
  - (2) **Hearing Body.** The hearing body, which shall be the Village Board for the Village of Wheeler, may admit all relevant documents and testimony into evidence including incident reports and affidavits of witnesses, photographs, and personal testimony. The Village Board, or designated alternative body, shall be the exclusive trier of the issue of whether a dog or other animal is determined to be potentially dangerous. For the Village Board to determine that a dog or other animal is potentially dangerous, there must be a preponderance of the evidence to establish the same.
  - (3) **Appeals.** Any owner, harborer, keeper, caretaker, or other interested party who is aggrieved by any decision of the Village Board, or designated alternative body, under this Section shall have the right to appeal the same by filing an action for certiorari

with the Circuit Court no more than fifteen (15) days from the date that said aggrieved person had received written notice of the Village Board's decision on whether a dog or other animal is potentially dangerous under this Section.

- (4) **Notice of Determination; Compliance.** After the hearing conducted pursuant to Subsection (d)(1)-(2) above, the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of the dog or other animal shall be notified in writing of the determination and orders issued, either personally or by first class mail return receipt requested. If a determination is made that a dog or other animal is potentially dangerous as herein provided, the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker shall comply with Subsections (d)(6)-(8) and in accordance with the time schedule established by law enforcement authorities or animal control officer serving the Village of Wheeler, or designee, but in no case more than thirty (30) days after the date of the determination, or thirty-five (35) days if the notice of the determination is mailed to the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of the dog or other animal.
- (5) **Affirmative Defenses; Exceptions.**
  - a. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if any injury or damage is sustained by a person who, at the time the injury or damage was sustained, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker of the dog or other animal, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or other animal, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime.
  - b. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if the dog or other animal was protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault.
  - c. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if an injury or damage was sustained by a domestic animal which, at the time of the injury, or damage was sustained, was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or other animal.
  - d. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if the injury or damage to a domestic animal was sustained while the dog was working as a hunting dog, herding dog, or predator control dog on the property of or under the control of its owner, keeper, harbinger or caretaker, and the damage or injury was to a species or type of domestic animal appropriate to the work of the dog.
  - e. No dog or other animal may be declared potentially dangerous if the injury or damage to another domestic animal was sustained while on the property or premises of the owner, harbinger, keeper or caretaker of the dog or other animal, and the injured domestic dog or animal was upon the property not owned or maintained by the owner of the injured or damaged domestic animal.
  - f. No dog or other animal may be declared dangerous or prohibited dangerous for acts committed by the animal while being utilized by a law enforcement agency



for law enforcement purposes while under the control and direction of a law enforcement officer.

- (6) **Licensing and Vaccination Requirements; Potentially Dangerous Dog Supplemental License.** All potentially dangerous dogs or other animals shall be properly licensed and vaccinated. The licensing authority for the Village of Wheeler shall include the potentially dangerous designation in the registration records of the dog, either after the owner or keeper of the dog has agreed to the designation or the Village Board, after hearing, has determined the designation applies to the dog. The Village of Wheeler charges a potentially dangerous dog fee in addition to the regular licensing fee per Sec. 1-3-1 to provide for the increased cost of maintaining the records of the dog.
  - (7) **Fencing and Restraint Requirements.** A potentially dangerous dog or other animal, while on the owner's property, shall, at all times, be kept indoors or in a securely fenced yard from which the dog cannot escape and into which children cannot trespass. A potentially dangerous dog or other animal may be off the owner's premises only if it is restrained by a substantial leash, of appropriate length, and muzzled, and if it is under the control and supervision of a responsible adult while being restrained by said leash and muzzle.
  - (8) **Notice Upon Death or Relocation of Animal.** If a potentially dangerous dog or other animal dies, or is sold, transferred or permanently removed from the Village of Wheeler where the owner, harbinger, keeper or caretaker so resides, said person who owns, keeps, harbors, or caretakes a potentially dangerous dog or other animal shall notify the Village of Wheeler or the animal control officer of the change in condition or new location of the potentially dangerous dog or other animal in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of said dog or other animal's removal.
- (e) **Penalty for Violations of Subsection (d)(1).**
- (1) **Forfeiture.** Any person or entity convicted of violating Subsection (d) shall pay a forfeiture of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), together with all costs and assessments. Each day that a person owns, harbors, keeps, maintains or cares for any potentially dangerous dog or other animal in violation of Subsection (d) may be deemed separate and distinct violations, subject to separate citations and convictions.
  - (2) **Impoundment.** Furthermore, any violation of Subsection (d) shall result in a further penalty of having the subject animal or dog impounded by any law enforcement or animal control officer of the Village of Wheeler, or any law enforcement or animal control officer of any jurisdiction authorized by the Village of Wheeler to enforce or effectuate the Village of Wheeler's ordinances, may impound any dog or other animal which is subject to this Section. In the event that any restricted or prohibited animal or other vicious or potentially vicious animal or dog has been impounded, said dog's or animal's lawful owner shall be required to make arrangements to have said animal removed from the corporate Village of Wheeler limits within seven (7) days of

impoundment. In the event any impounded animal has not had arrangements made to lawfully remove said animal from the corporate Village limits within said seven (7) day period, any law enforcement officer or animal control officer for the Village of Wheeler shall be authorized to destroy said animal.

## **Sec. 7-1-8 Impoundment of Animals.**

(a) **Animal Control Agency.**

- (1) The Village of Wheeler may contract with or enter into an agreement with such person, persons, organization or corporation to provide for the operation of an animal shelter, impoundment of stray animals, confinement of certain animals, disposition of impounded animals and for assisting in the administration of rabies vaccination programs.
- (2) The Village of Wheeler does hereby delegate to any such animal control agency the authority to act pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

(b) **Impounding of Animals.** In addition to any penalty hereinafter provided for a violation of this Chapter, a law enforcement or animal control officer may impound any dog, cat or other animal which habitually pursues any vehicle upon any street, alley or highway of the Village of Wheeler, assaults or attacks any person, is at large within the Village, habitually barks, cries or howls, kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal or is infected with rabies. In order for an animal to be impounded, the impounding officer must see or hear the violation of this Section or have in his/her possession a signed statement of a complaining witness made under oath alleging the facts regarding the violation and containing an agreement to reimburse the Village of Wheeler for any damages it sustains for improper or illegal seizure.

(c) **Claiming Animal; Disposal of Unclaimed Animals.**

- (1) **Seizure.** A law enforcement officer or any animal control officer appointed by the Village Board may attempt to capture and restrain dogs or other animals running at large or otherwise in violation of this Chapter, and shall confine and capture or restrain animals in a suitable dog pound or other enclosure. After seizure of animals under this Section by a law enforcement or animal control officer, the animal shall be impounded.
- (2) **Retention and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals.** All dogs or other animals apprehended may be kept for no more than three (3) days at the animal pound or other enclosure and if such animal is not claimed by the rightful owner, representative or keeper within such time, said animal shall be transmitted to the area or County Humane Society to be handled in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes and the policies of that facility.
- (3) **Notification.** A person who captures or restrains a dog or other animal shall notify or deliver the dog or other animal to the humane society or to any officer within



twelve (12) hours of capture or restraint. Any law enforcement or other Village official to whom a dog or other animal is delivered shall attempt to notify the owner as soon as possible if the owner is known or can be ascertained with reasonable effort.

- (4) **Claiming Animals.** The owner or representative, or keeper of any dog or other animal so confined may reclaim such animal from the detention shelter at any time before transmittal to the humane society, if:
  - a. The owner, representative or keeper gives his/her name and address.
  - b. The owner, representative or keeper presents evidence that the dog is licensed and presents evidence that the dog is vaccinated against rabies, or a receipt from a licensed veterinarian for repayment of a rabies inoculation.
  - c. The owner, representative or keeper pays the cost of apprehending, boarding fees, necessary medical treatment and impounding fees, if any.
- (5) **Payment of Costs.** Payment of costs and charges shall be made to the Village of Wheeler. Upon identification of the owner of a dog or other animal so apprehended or confined, all Village costs and charges shall be billed to said owner.
- (d) **Sale of Impounded Animals.** If the owner does not reclaim the animal within seven (7) days, the animal control officer may sell the animal to any willing buyer.
- (e) **Village Not Liable for Impounding Animals.** The Village of Wheeler and/or its animal control agency shall not be liable for the death of any animal which has been impounded or disposed of pursuant to this Section.

### **Sec. 7-1-9 Duty of Owner in Case of Animal Bite.**

Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog, cat, ferret or other domesticated animal who knows that such dog, cat, ferret or other domesticated animal has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact to law enforcement officers serving the Village of Wheeler, or other animal control enforcement authority, and shall keep such dog, cat, ferret or other domesticated animal confined for not less than ten (10) days or for such period of time as directed. The owner or keeper of any such dog, cat, ferret or other domesticated animal shall surrender the dog, cat, ferret or other domesticated animal to a law enforcement or humane officer upon demand for examination.

### **Sec. 7-1-10 Wolf/Dog Hybrid Regulation and Confinement.**

- (a) **Definitions.** A "wolf/dog hybrid" is defined as any cross-breed resulting from the mating of a domesticated dog and a wolf, coyote jackal or dingo or resulting from the mating of any wolf/dog hybrid and another wolf/dog hybrid or a domesticated dog. As used herein:
  - (1) **Canine Animal.** Includes all members of the family *canidae* except foxes.

- (2) **Domesticated Dog.** *Canis familiaris*.
  - (3) **Wolf.** Includes both *canis lupus* and *canis niger*.
  - (4) **Coyote.** *Canis latrans*.
  - (5) **Jackal.** *Canis Aurens*.
  - (6) **Dingo.** *Canis dingo*.
- (b) **Prohibition on Unregistered Animals.** No person shall harbor, keep or maintain within the Village of Wheeler any wolf/dog hybrid which has not been registered pursuant to Subsection (k) below on or before April 1st, 2021. This prohibition shall not apply to animals being transported through the limits of the Village of Wheeler within a one (1) hour period of time. A pup born to a female wolf/dog hybrid so registered shall be removed from the Village of Wheeler before it has reached the age of five (5) months. Wolf/dog hybrids permitted in the Village of Wheeler shall be confined as set forth in this Section.
- (c) **Removal; Impoundment.** Whenever any person is charged with harboring, keeping or maintaining a wolf/dog hybrid in the Village of Wheeler which has not been registered on or before April 1st, 2021, that person shall, to the satisfaction of the Court, remove said animal from the Village of Wheeler until a trial on the citation. If said animal has not been so removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the service of the citation, the said animal may be impounded as directed by Village authorities until the trial on the citation. In that case, the owner of any such animal shall pay all expenses incurred due to such impoundment, including but not limited to the cost of shelter, food, handling and veterinary care. If it is determined by plea or trial that said animal is a wolf/dog hybrid not registered pursuant to Subsection (k) on or before April 1st, 2021, it shall be removed from and not returned to the Village of Wheeler.
- (d) **Confinement Requirements.** The owner of any wolf/dog hybrid permitted to be kept in the Village of Wheeler, and the owner of any property on which such wolf/dog hybrid is kept, shall see that the animal is at all times confined according to the minimum requirements of this Section. A wolf/dog hybrid may be kept only in enclosures that meet the following minimum requirements:
- (1) The first enclosure shall be constructed of not less than nine- (9-) gauge galvanized chain link fencing, with mesh openings not greater than two (2) inches, which shall be securely anchored by stainless steel or copper rings, placed at intervals not greater than six (6) inches apart, to a poured concrete base as described herein. Such enclosure shall be not less than five hundred (500) square feet in area, plus two hundred fifty (250) square feet for each additional canine animal kept therein. Such enclosure shall be the location in which any wolf/dog hybrid is primarily kept.
  - (2) The first enclosure shall extend to a height of not less than eight (8) feet, and shall be surrounded from ground level to a height of not less than four (4) feet by one-quarter (1/4) inch galvanized mesh screening.
  - (3) The first enclosure shall have a full top, which shall also be constructed of not less than nine- (9-) gauge chain link fencing with mesh openings not greater than two (2) inches, and which shall be securely anchored to the sides of the enclosure. The entire

- base of the first enclosure shall be a poured concrete slab floor at least four (4) inches thick.
- (4) The second enclosure shall consist of a securely anchored fence at least six (6) feet in height, which shall entirely surround the first enclosure, and no part of which shall be nearer than six (6) feet in height, which shall entirely surround the first enclosure, and no part of which shall be nearer than six (6) feet from any part of the first enclosure. Said fence shall be a "vision barrier" fence, no more than five percent (5%) open for through vision, except, however, that the portion of said fence facing the dwelling of the owner of said animals or of the property on which they are kept shall be constructed of not less than nine- (9-) gauge chain link fencing, to provide for observation of said animals. If any portion of said fence is made of wood, the finished or painted side thereof shall face outward from the first enclosure.
  - (5) Both enclosures shall be kept locked with case hardened locks at all times when an animal is unattended by an adult. The first (innermost) enclosure shall have double entrance gates or doors situated and constructed in such a fashion as to prevent an animal from escaping past an open gate or door. The gates or doors providing access to the first (innermost) enclosure shall be spring-loaded, so as to shut on their own accord behind anyone entering that enclosure.
  - (6) Within the first enclosure, shelter shall be provided adequate to protect the animals confined against weather extremes. The first enclosure shall be regularly cleaned to remove excreta and other waste materials, dirt and trash, in a manner adequate to minimize health hazards and avoid offensive odors.
  - (7) The above described enclosures shall be located in the rear yard of any property on which a wolf/dog hybrid is kept, as defined in the Village Zoning Code (Title 13).
- (e) **Transportation and Muzzling of Animals.** A wolf/dog hybrid may be transported only if confined in a secure, locked container, covered with one-fourth (1/4) inch galvanized fine mesh screen. This paragraph shall not prohibit the walking of such animals, provided they are muzzled and restrained by a leather lead, at least one (1) inch in diameter and not exceeding three (3) feet in length, attached to a metal choker-type collar, under the control of an adult. The muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the wolf/dog hybrid or unduly interfere with its vision or respiration, but will prevent it from biting any person or animal.
- (f) **Right of Inspection.** To insure compliance with this Section, any person possessing any registration papers, certificate, advertisement or other written evidence relating to the bloodlines or ownership of a canine animal found within the Village of Wheeler shall produce the same for inspection on demand of any law enforcement, conservation, animal control or public health officer or court.
- (g) **Limitation on Numbers.** No person shall own, harbor or keep in his/her possession on any one parcel of property more than two (2) wolf/dog hybrids over five (5) months of age at any one time, nor shall any person retain a litter or portion of a litter of wolf/dog hybrids longer than five (5) months.

- (h) **Veterinary Exception.** The foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to doctors of veterinary medicine in temporary possession of wolf/dog hybrids in the ordinary course of their practice.
- (i) **Abandonment or Negligent Release.** No person shall willfully or negligently release or abandon a wolf/dog hybrid as defined herein within the Village of Wheeler.
- U) **Nonconforming Enclosures.** As to any person keeping wolf/dog hybrids in existing enclosures in the Village of Wheeler on the date of original passage of this Section, Subsection (d) shall take effect on April 1st, 2021; for all other persons, said Subsection shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication as provided by law. The remaining provisions of this Section shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication as provided by law.
- (k) **Wolf/Dog Hybrid Registration; Insurance Requirement.** All owners of any wolf/dog hybrid in the Village of Wheeler shall, on or before April 1st, 2021, and annually thereafter on or before January 1st of each year, register such animal and provide a current color photograph of such animal with the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office and pay a registration fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. At the time of registration, each owner of any wolf/dog hybrid kept within the Village limits shall provide to the Village Clerk-Treasurer proof of liability insurance in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for any acts of property damage, personal injury or other liability incurred by virtue of any injury or damage inflicted by such wolf/dog hybrid. Such insurance shall name the Village of Wheeler as a named co-insured solely for the purpose of notice of cancellation of such insurance policy.
- (l) **Warning Sign.** The owner or keeper of a wolf/dog hybrid shall display on the premises on which such animal is kept signs warning that there is a wolf/dog hybrid on the property as provided herein. Such signs shall be visible and capable of being read within at least twenty (20) feet of their placement, but shall not be more than two (2) square feet in area, and shall state in bold, capital letters, on a white background, the following: "WARNING - WOLF/DOG HYBRIDS PRESENT". One such sign shall be placed in the front yard of any property on which any wolf/dog hybrid is kept, and additional such signs shall be placed on all gates or doors providing access through the second (outermost) enclosure required above.

## **Sec. 7-1-11 Keeping Of Exotic Animals; Protected Animals, Fowl, Reptiles and Insects.**

- (a) **Intent.**
  - (1) **Purpose.** It is the purpose and intent of the Village of Wheeler in adopting this Section to protect the public safety, health and general welfare from the safety and health risks that the unregulated keeping or harboring of exotic animals can pose to the community and to protect the health and welfare of permitted exotic animals held

in private possession. By their very nature, exotic animals are wild and potentially dangerous, and, typically, do not adjust well to a captive environment. This Section shall be liberally construed in favor of the Village's right and authority to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

- (2) **Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, maintain, harbor, bring into the Village of Wheeler, have in one's possession, act as a custodian for, or have custody or control on an exotic animal, except in compliance with this Section.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following definitions and terms shall be applicable in this Section. Words used in the present tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural number; and the plural number includes the singular number. The word "shall" is mandatory and not permissive; the word "may" is nonmandatory and discretionary:
- (1) **Animal.** For purposes of this Section, shall mean exotic animals.
  - (2) **Animal Control Officer.** Law enforcement officers serving the Village, the Zoning Administrator, animal control officers, humane society employees, or any other person designated by the Village of Wheeler to enforce or assist in the enforcement of this Section.
  - (3) **Animal Shelter.** Any premises designated or used by the Village for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals found in violation of this Section, or of any other Village ordinance regulating the keeping of and care of animals. Included within this definition are animal shelters whose services are secured by the Village through contract or intergovernmental agreement.
  - (4) **At Large.** An animal is at large when:
    - a. It is off the property of the owner and not properly confined or restrained in a manner such that the risk of uncontrolled or accidental contact by the animal with humans or domesticated animals has been minimized; or
    - b. It is on the property of the owner, but is improperly restrained or confined so as to pose a risk of leaving the property and having uncontrolled or accidental contact by with humans or domesticated animals off of the owner's property; or
    - c. It is so improperly, inadequately or negligently restrained or confined on the owner's property so to pose a risk of potentially dangerous contact with humans or domesticated animals which come on to the owner's property.
  - (5) **Enclosure or Enclosure Area.** The indoor and/or outdoor area in which an animal is kept confined or restrained, including any structure(s) in which it is kept, confined or restrained.
  - (6) **Exotic Animal (including USDA Dangerous Animals).** Any animal, fowl, insect, or reptile that is not normally domesticated in Wisconsin or is inherently wild by nature. Exotic animals include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following orders, families and/or species, whether bred in the wild or in captivity, and also hybrids with domestic species. The animals, fowl, insects, and reptiles listed in parentheses are intended to act as examples and are not to be construed as an exhaustive list nor to limit the generality of each group of animals, fowl, reptiles or insects:



- a. Non-human primates and prosimians\*, including chimpanzees (*Pan*); monkeys (*Cercopithecidae*); gibbons (*Hylobates*); gorillas (*Gorilla*); orangutans (*Pongo*); and siamangs (*Symphalangus*); and baboons (*Papoi*, *Mandrillus*).
  - b. *Canidae*\*, excluding non-hybrid domesticated dogs, including wolves (*Canis lupus*); coyotes (*Canis latrans*); and all foxes and jackals.
  - c. *Felidae*\*, excluding domesticated cats, including cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*); jaguars (*Panthera onca*); leopards (*Panthera pardus*); lions (*Panthera leo*); lynxes (*Lynx*); pumas (*Felis concolor*) which are also known as cougars, mountain lions or panthers; snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*); tigers (*Panthera tigris*); and ocelots.
  - d. *Ursidae*\*, including all bears.
  - e. Crocodilians (*Crocodylia*) thirty (30) inches in length or more, including alligators, caimans, and crocodiles.
  - f. *Proboscidea*\*, including elephants (*Elephas* and *Loxodonta*).
  - g. *Hyaenidea*\*, including all hyenas.
  - h. *Artiodactyla*\*, including hippopotami (*Hippopotamidae*) and giraffes (excluding camels, cattle, swine, sheep and goats).
  - i. *Procyonidae*, including coatis (raccoons excluded).
  - J. *Marsupialia*, including kangaroos (opossums excluded).
  - k. *Perissodactyla*\*, including rhinoceroses (*Rhinocero tidae*) and tapirs, excluding horses, donkeys and mules.
  - l. *Edentata*, including anteaters, sloths and armadillos.
  - m. *Viverridae*, including mongooses, civets and genets.
  - n. Game cocks and other fighting birds.
  - o. *Varanidae*, including only water monitors and crocodile monitors.
  - p. Any other type of dangerous or carnivorous wild animal, fowl, or reptile.
- \* *Species listed on the United States Department of Agriculture's dangerous species list.*
- (7) **Humane Society.** The Humane Society of Dunn County or similar organization.
  - (8) **Own/Owner/Owning.** Any person, corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, organization, association, joint venture, trust, or other legal entity who possesses, harbors, keeps, controls, boards, or has in his/her custody an exotic animal in the Village of Wheeler, and any officer, member, shareholder, director, employee, agent or representative thereof. Any animal is being harbored if it is being fed and/or sheltered by such party.
  - (9) **Section.** The same meaning as "this Ordinance."
  - (10) **Solid Surface.** A surface constructed of cement, concrete, metal, asphalt, fiberglass or similar such hard, impervious surface.
  - (11) **Village.** The Village of Wheeler, Dunn County, Wisconsin.
  - (12) **Village Board.** The Village Board of the Village of Wheeler, and authorized committees and subunits thereof, including Village officials, employees or agents.

(c) **Compliance with Federal Regulations.**

- (1) **Federal Code Requirements.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to buy, sell or offer for sale a native or foreign species or subspecies of mammal, bird, amphibian or reptile, or the dead body or parts thereof, which appears on the endangered species list designated by the United States Secretary of the Department of Interior and published in the Code of Federal Regulations pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1969 (Public Law 135, 91st Congress).
- (2) **Regulation of the Importation of Birds.** No person, firm or corporation shall import or cause to be imported into the Village of Wheeler any part of the plumage, skin or dead body of any species of hawk, owl or eagle. This Subsection shall not be construed to forbid or restrict the importation or use of the plumage, skin, body or any part thereof legally collected for use by American Indian Nations for ceremonial purposes or in the preservation of their tribal customs and heritage.

(d) **Exotic Animal Permit Requirement - Application for Permit.**

- (1) **Sale, Importation, Transfer, Purchase and/or Gifting of an Exotic Animal.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:
  - a. Import, transfer, sell, own, or purchase an exotic animal in the Village of Wheeler without first obtaining a permit from the Village Board as prescribed by this Section, unless exempt from such permit requirement.
  - b. Sell, transfer, deliver, or give an exotic animal to any other person in the Village of Wheeler without first obtaining a permit from the Village Board as prescribed by this Section, unless exempt from such permit requirement.
- (2) **Keeping, Harboring, Maintaining or Controlling an Exotic Animal; Zoning.**
  - a. It shall be unlawful for any person in the Village of Wheeler to own, keep, maintain, harbor, board, or control an exotic animal without first obtaining a permit from the Village Board as prescribed by this Section, unless exempt from such permit requirement.
  - b. An exotic animal may only be kept, harbored or maintained on a parcel in a Conservancy or Agricultural Zoning classification.
- (3) **Exceptions to Exotic Animal Permit Requirement.** The exotic animal permit requirements of this Section shall not apply to:
  - a. Institutions accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA).
  - b. State licensed humane societies.
  - c. Animal control or law enforcement officers acting in an official capacity.
  - d. State licensed veterinary hospitals or clinics.
  - e. Persons holding a Scientific Collectors Permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
  - f. Any person, company or organization presenting a transient or itinerant circus or carnival operating within the Village of Wheeler ten (10) days or less per year and holding all other required Village, county and state permits and/or licenses.

- g. Wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources who temporarily keep, nurture, rehabilitate, and care for exotic animals which are injured or in need of rehabilitation, with the primary purpose of returning such animals to the wild. No animal may be kept under this exception for a period of more than ninety (90) days. No animal may be kept under this exception that poses a danger to the community or domestic animals.
  - h. State licensed or accredited research or medical institution.
  - i. Any person temporarily transporting an exotic animal through the Village if the transit time is not more than twenty-four (24) hours and the animal is at all times maintained within a confinement sufficient to prevent the exotic animal from escaping.
- (4) **Application; Required Application Information.** An applicant for an exotic animal permit shall file an application with the Village Clerk-Treasurer containing the following information:
- a. **Basic Application Information.** The applicant shall file the following information at the time of application filing:
    1. The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.
    2. A description of each exotic animal the applicant possesses, or seeks to possess, including the scientific name, common name, sex, age, color, weight and any distinguishing marks or coloration that would aid in the identification of the animal.
    3. A photograph of each exotic animal.
    4. A description of the exact location and confinement facilities where the exotic animal will be kept.
    5. The names, addresses, and telephone number of the person from whom the applicant obtained the exotic animal, if known.
    6. The name and address of the veterinarian providing veterinary care to the exotic animal and a certificate of good health for the exotic animal from that veterinarian.
    7. A plan for the prompt and safe recapture of the exotic animal if the exotic animal escapes. Each applicant/permittee shall have a plan for the quick and safe recapture of the exotic animal if the animal escapes, and, if recapture is impossible, then a plan for the destruction of the exotic animal.
    8. In the case of exotic animals included on the United States Department of Agriculture's dangerous animal list, proof of having obtained a minimum of one year's, paid in full liability insurance in an amount not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for each occurrence for liability damages for destruction of or damage to property and death or bodily injury to a person caused by the exotic animal. [Failure to at all times keep such liability insurance in full force and effect during the life of the permit shall

immediately terminate the validity of such permit; it is the responsibility of the permittee to immediately notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer, in writing, of any changes in his/her insurance status, validity or carrier]. The Village of Wheeler shall be listed as a named co-insured solely for the purpose of notice of cancellation of such insurance policy.

9. Copies of all United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Interior, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and any other state or federal permits/ licenses issued to the applicant approving of or governing the applicant's possession of the species for which a Village exotic animal permit is being sought.
  10. Exotic animal permit application fee in the amount per animal as prescribed in Sec. 1-3-1.
  11. Any other information required by Village of Wheeler authorities to properly consider the application.
- b. ***Certified Information.*** The applicant shall certify in writing that:
1. The applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older.
  2. The applicant has not been convicted of or found responsible for violating a local or state law prohibiting cruelty, neglect, or mistreatment of animals or has not within the last ten (10) years been convicted for possession, sale or use of illegal narcotics or controlled substances.
  3. The facility and the conditions in which the exotic animal will be kept are in compliance with this Section and all other applicable state and local regulations.
  4. The applicant has regularly provided veterinary care to the exotic animal when needed and will provide such care in the future.
  5. Proof that a licensed veterinarian has spayed or neutered the exotic animal.
- (e) **Review of Exotic Animal Permit Application; Issuance; Conditions of Permit Issuance; Renewals.**
- (1) ***Consideration of Application.*** Upon receipt of the application, application fee and all of the information required by Subsection (d)(4) above, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall schedule consideration of the application before the Village Board, duly noticing the consideration of the application on the notice/agenda for such meeting in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. All neighboring property owners and residents located within three hundred (300) feet of the applicant's property shall receive written notice of the meeting at which the application is to be considered by the Village Board a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.
  - (2) ***Village Board Action.*** Upon consideration of the application, the Village Board may issue an exotic animal permit if the Village Board is satisfied that:
    - a. All of the application and insurance requirements required by Subsections (d)(4) and (e)(4) have been fully satisfied;

- b. The applicant has provided credentials, satisfactory to the Village Board, establishing that the applicant/owner is properly trained to handle, care for, restrain, and recapture the type of animal for which the permit application is being made;
- c. The applicant has provided either application information or oral testimony at the application review meeting demonstrating ownership of, and training and proficiency with, tranquilizing and restraint equipment that is species-appropriate, to the satisfaction of the Village Board, and shall demonstrate adequate training and certification in first aid and CPR;
- d. The exotic animal and the manner in which it will be kept will be fully in compliance with the requirements of this Section and that the animal will be kept in such manner so as not pose a threat to public safety and health;
- e. The applicant has demonstrated that the animal will be kept in a humane manner consistent with this Section and all other applicable federal and state standards; and
- f. The site is properly zoned for such use.

(3) **Validity.**

- a. A copy of the exotic animal permit shall be displayed, in plain view, on or reasonably near the animal's confinement area.
- b. An exotic animal permit is not transferable without re-application under this Section.
- c. Permits for each exotic animal shall be valid for one (1) year. The permit year shall commence on January 1 or as soon thereafter as officially issued and expire on December 31 of that year.
- d. In addition to the application fee under Subsection (d)(4), the fee for an annual exotic animal permit, or renewal thereof, shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 for each exotic animal.

(4) **Permit Renewal; Issuance Criteria.**

- a. Exotic animal permit renewal applications shall be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer on or before November 15 of the permit year.
- b. Along with each permit renewal application, the applicant shall submit the required renewal fee, a current certificate of good health for the animal(s), update in full all information required for the original permit, and provide proof of the required continued paid-up liability insurance [such proof of insurance shall be no more than thirty (30) days old.]
- c. The Village Board shall consider renewals in the same manner as with the issuance of original permits.
- d. The Village Board shall not issue or renew a permit if it determines that:
  - 1. The applicant has been convicted of cruelty to animals within the previous ten (10) years;

2. The applicant has failed to provide, withheld or falsified any required permit application or renewal information; or
  3. The applicant is, or has been, unable to comply with the requirements necessary to obtain a permit or has failed to comply with the provisions of this Section at any time during the permit year.
- (5) **Permit Revocation.** The Village Board may revoke a permit for violation of this Section after giving written notice of the reasons for revocation to the permit holder. The Village of Wheeler shall give the permittee notice, by certified mail with receipt requested, of intent to consider revocation of the exotic animal permit. The Village shall give the permittee an opportunity to respond to the notice and address the issues identified at an open, noticed Village Board meeting, after which the Village Board shall make its determination, with the reasons therefor included in the record of the Board's meeting.
- (6) **Permit Transfer.** If an owner can no longer properly care for his/her exotic animal, that person may only transfer his/her exotic animal to another person who has been issued a valid exotic animal permit by the Village Board. An owner/permittee shall notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer of any changes central to the validity of the permit, including the death of the exotic animal.
- (f) **Confinement Standards for Exotic Animals.**
- (1) **Prohibited Confinement.** An exotic animal shall not be tethered, leashed, chained outdoors, or allowed to run at large.
  - (2) **Confinement Standards.**
    - a. All exotic animals governed by this Section shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure that has a floor, a secure roof and sides, constructed and maintained so as to securely confine the animal and provide sufficient space to allow each animal adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of animal debilitation, stress, abnormal behavior patterns, or the professional opinion of a veterinarian, a qualified animal trainer, or experts from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), United States Department of Interior, or Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
    - b. For each exotic animal, the permittee shall comply with the AZA's "Minimum Guidelines" for animal care and maintenance or the USDA's standards for the humane handling, care and treatment of exotic animals [9 CFR Subchapter A (Animal Welfare, Part 3)], whichever is more restrictive. These standards shall provide the basis against which to assess the sufficiency of space or facility for animals for which a permit is sought or held.
    - c. The Village of Clerk-Treasurer recognizes that exotic animals typically require extra care in the provision of confinement and care due to the climate and conditions of their original place of origin.
  - (3) **Minimum Outdoor Area Standards.** The outdoor area of an exotic animal's enclosure shall, at a minimum:

- a. Have two (2) sets of wire enclosures with a minimum of four (4) inches separation between them;
  - b. Have the sides of the wire enclosure extend downward and be buried a minimum of twelve (12) inches below ground;
  - c. Incorporate a roof design with independent fencing separate from and located between the roof and floor of the enclosure so as to prevent escape in the event high winds damage the roof over the enclosure;
  - d. Have a floor with a minimum six (6) inch perimeter of breaker rock-grade aggregate around the borders of the enclosed area and a minimum five (5) inch uniform depth of Class Five gravel for the floor, or a floor with a minimum four (4) inch uniform depth of concrete or asphalt over the remainder of the enclosure floor;
  - e. Be provided with shelter that allows the exotic animal, if kept outdoors, to remain dry and warm during snow/sleet/rain;
  - f. In the alternative, present to and secure approval from the Village Board for an alternative outdoor confinement system that substantially complies with the safeguards of this Section.
  - g. In addition to the structural requirements of the exotic animal's outdoor enclosure, the permittee shall:
    1. Ensure that the outdoor area is maintained in a safe and healthful manner;
    2. Keep the outdoor area free of standing water, accumulated waste, and debris;
    3. Ensure that sufficient shade, by natural or artificial means, is available when the animal is outdoors; and
    4. Maintain the structural soundness of the outdoor structure in good repair to protect the exotic animals from injury and to prevent escape.
- (4) **Minimum Indoor Area Standards.** The indoor area of an exotic animal's enclosure shall:
- a. Be an insulated, moisture-proof and windproof structure of adequate area to accommodate the need of the animal for adequate freedom of movement;
  - b. Contain a solid floor of no less than four (4) inches thick to prevent the animal from escaping;
  - c. Incorporate a roof design with independent fencing separate from and located between the roof and floor of the enclosure so as to prevent escape in the event high winds blow off the roof over the enclosure;
  - d. Locate the entrance to the building in which the animal is housed facing away from prevailing winds; and
  - e. Have a self-closing door over the human and animal entryway during the winter months to protect the animal from cold temperatures.
  - f. In addition to the structural requirements of the animal's indoor enclosure area, the owner of an animal shall:

1. Ensure that the indoor enclosure area remains at an ambient temperature that will maintain the good health of the exotic animal;
  2. Provide proper ventilation of the indoor structure by natural or mechanical means to provide fresh air for the animal and to prevent moisture condensation;
  3. Ensure that the animal has natural or artificial lighting and adequate heat and ventilation to properly provide for the health of the animal at all times;
  4. Ensure that the animal has proper bedding in sufficient quantity for insulation against the cold and dampness and that is changed regularly; and
  5. Maintain the indoor enclosure area in good repair to protect the animal from injury and to prevent escape.
- (g) **Notification Signs.** All owners/permittees of an exotic animal(s) shall have continuously posted and displayed at each normal entrance onto the premises where an exotic animal is kept a conspicuous sign, clearly visible, and easily readable by the public, warning that there is an exotic animal on the premises. At least one such sign shall be located within twenty (20) feet of the animal's confinement area using the words "BEWARE OF \_\_\_\_\_" with the last word to indicate the type of exotic animal that is being confined. In addition, the permittee shall conspicuously display a sign with a warning symbol that adequately informs children of the presence of an exotic animal.
- (h) **Escape and Liability for Escape.**
- (1) **Notification of Escape.**
    - a. An owner/permittee shall immediately notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer, local Humane Society, the Village's animal control officer, and law enforcement authorities serving the Village, including but not limited to, the County Sheriffs Department, of the escape of any exotic animal for which a permit is required
    - b. No person may intentionally release an exotic animal. If an exotic animal is released by any party, authorized or unauthorized, the owner/permittee is liable for all expenses associated with efforts to recapture the animal, and may, in addition, be subject to a forfeiture.
  - (2) **Liability.**
    - a. The owner/permittee shall be liable for all costs incurred by any public authority or their agents and resulting from the escape of any animal for which a permit is required, including boarding, placement, veterinarian and legal fees.
    - b. Neither the Village of Wheeler or any agent of the Village shall be liable for the loss, death, injury or destruction of any animal for which a permit is required, nor shall the Village be liable for any injury or damage caused by any animal for which a permit is required and issued under this Section.
- (i) **Inspection.** The owner/permittee of an exotic animal, at all reasonable times, shall allow designated inspectors of the Village, humane officers and law enforcement authorities to



enter the premises where the animal is kept to ensure compliance with this Section as a condition of permit issuance. Such Village representatives may conduct a minimum of three (3) periodic, unannounced inspections of the outdoor and indoor enclosure areas per twelve (12) month period for USDA-designated dangerous exotic animals, and a minimum of one (1) such unannounced inspection per twelve (12) month period for non-dangerous exotic animals, to ensure that said areas are being maintained in the manner required by this Section.

(j) **Restraint and Impoundment.**

(l) ***Animals At Large May Be Impounded.***

- a. All exotic animals shall be kept confined or under proper restraint by their owners as provided herein and shall not be permitted to run at large. Unrestrained exotic animals and animals running at large may be taken into custody in accordance with Chapter 173, Wis. Stats., and impounded at any facility deemed appropriate for the protection of the public and with facilities and equipment that permit the facility to adequately care for the animal. Such animals shall be considered to be abandoned.
- b. Animal control officers, designees of the Village of Wheeler, humane officers or law enforcement officers, upon receipt of information indicating probable cause of a violation of this Section, may in his/her discretion, and after investigation, seize and impound an animal in emergency situations or where previous written notice has failed to produce compliance and when otherwise authorized by law.

(2) ***Failure to Reclaim; Costs.***

- a. If an owner fails to reclaim an exotic animal within seven (7) days of taking the animal into custody, the Village shall consider the animal to be unclaimed, as authorized by Section 173.23(1m), Wis. Stats., and shall take such steps as authorized by law. The Village may contact the American Zoo and Aquarium Association for further assistance.
- b. The animal's owner is liable for the costs of capture, care and placement for the exotic animal from the time of confiscation until the time of return to the owner, until the animal is disposed of, or until the time the animal has been relocated to an approved facility, such as a proper wildlife sanctuary.
- c. If an exotic animal is confiscated due to the animal being kept in contravention of this Section, the animal's owner is required to post a security bond or cash deposit with the Village and/or animal control authority in an amount sufficient to guarantee payment of all reasonable costs expected to be incurred in caring and providing for the animal, including, but not limited to, the estimated cost of feeding, medical care, and housing for at least thirty (30) days. The posting of the bond or cash deposit shall not prevent the Village of Wheeler or animal control authority from disposing of the animal as permitted by law at the end of the thirty (30) days.

- d. An exotic animal may be returned to its owner only if, to the satisfaction of the Village Board, the possessor has a valid Village exotic animal permit, has corrected the conditions resulting in the confiscation, and has paid in full the cost of placement and care of the animal while under the care and control of the Village or humane society.
  - e. If the owner of a confiscated exotic animal cannot be located or if a confiscated animal remains unclaimed, the Village or humane society may, at its discretion, contact an approved facility, such as an institution accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), allow the animal to be adopted by a party who can satisfy the permit requirements of this Section, or may euthanize the animal as permitted by law.
  - f. If an escaped exotic animal cannot be recaptured safely and is posing a threat to public health and safety, authorities may euthanize the animal as permitted by law.
- (k) **Animal Care.**
- (1) **Food and Water.** No owner shall fail to provide an exotic animal in his/her care with sufficient food, potable water, or shelter when needed.
  - (2) **Humane Treatment.** No person shall ill-treat, beat, torment or otherwise abuse an exotic animal.
- (l) **Incidents Causing Injury.**
- (1) **Notification.** All incidents in the Village of Wheeler in which an exotic animal injures or is suspected of injuring any person or domesticated animal shall be reported by the permittee to the Village Clerk-Treasurer and law enforcement authorities within two (2) hours of the incident.
  - (2) **Liability.** The owner of an exotic animal shall be responsible for all expenses incurred as a result of an injury inflicted or suffered by an exotic animal, whether expenses are incurred by the family of the victim, the victim, the Village or on behalf of the animal involved.
- (m) **Sanitation.**
- (1) **Fecal Matter; Odor.** Any person who owns, harbors, keeps, or controls an exotic animal shall be responsible for keeping his/her property properly clean of fecal matter and to keep obnoxious odors under control.
  - (2) **Waste Disposal.** Disposal of all animal waste shall be in a manner that is consistent with normal agricultural practices and adequately protects human and animal health.
- (n) **Limitation on Exotic Animal Numbers.** No person shall own, harbor or keep in his/her possession on any one parcel of property more than two (2) exotic animals over five (5) months of age at any one time, nor shall any person retain a litter/offspring, or portion thereof, of exotic animals longer than five (5) months following birth.
- (o) **Compliance; Enforcement**
- (1) **Transition Period.**
    - a. As a measure deemed necessary by the Village Board to protect the public safety, health and welfare, this Section shall apply to owners of exotic animals in the

- Village of Wheeler and who possess, harbor, board or keep an exotic animal(s) on the effective date of this Section.
- b. All such existing exotic animal owners shall file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer the location, species, gender and age of each such exotic animal within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Section.
  - c. All such existing exotic animal owners shall comply with this Section, including applying for an exotic animal permit, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Section.
  - d. An exotic animal permit may be issued by the Village Board under the standards and procedures of this Section. Failure to apply for, and be granted, an exotic animal permit shall result in the animal being removed from its owner by the Village of Wheeler, or its designees, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Section.
- (2) **Enforcement.** The Village Board, with the assistance of the humane society, animal control officers, and other law enforcement authorities, and such veterinarian assistance as may be needed shall be primarily responsible for the enforcement of this Section. The Village Board may appoint additional persons as may be necessary to assist with the enforcement of this Section.
- (p) **Penalties.** The following penalties shall apply to all violatons of this Section:
- (1) **Forfeiture.** Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall, upon adjudication of the violation, be subject to a forfeiture of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per violation, plus the costs of prosecution and any assessments and expenses related to enforcement authorized elsewhere in this Section. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. This penalty is in addition to any other remedies for non-compliance set forth elsewhere in this Section.
  - (2) **Interference With Enforcement.** It is unlawful for a permittee/owner or any other person harboring, keeping, boarding or maintaining an exotic animal to fail to comply with the provisions of this Section, and/or for any person on the permittee's premises to interfere with the enforcement or administration of this Section.

## **Sec. 7-1-12 Animal Feces.**

- (a) **Removal of Fecal Matter.** The owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, horse, potbellied pig , or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any street, alley or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately removed therefrom by said owner or person in charge. The owner or person in charge of such animal shall, while on any street, alley or other public or private property of another with such animal, have within their possession the necessary equipment to immediately remove such fecal matter from the street, alley or other public or private property. This Section shall not apply to a person who is visually or physically handicapped.



(b) **Accumulation of Fecal Matter Prohibited on Private Yards.**

- (1) **Owner's Property.** The owner or person in charge of the dog, cat or other animal must also prevent accumulation of animal waste on his/her own property by regularly inspecting and properly disposing of the fecal matter.
- (2) **Rental Property.** Any owner of property rented to others must insure tenants do not permit the accumulation of animal waste on the rental property by tenants regularly and shall inspect and properly dispose of fecal matter.

### **Sec. 7-1-13 Injury to Property by Animals.**

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing an animal, dog or cat to permit such animal, dog or cat to go upon any parkway or private lands or premises without the permission of the owner of such premises and break, bruise, tear up, crush or injure any lawn, flower bed, plant, shrub, tree or garden in any manner whatsoever, or to defecate thereon.

### **Sec. 7-1-14 Barking Dogs or Crying Cats.**

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to keep or harbor any dog which barks, howls or yelps, or any cat which cries or howls to the great discomfort of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or in such manner as to materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities. Such dogs and cats are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

### **Sec. 7-1-15 Sale of Rabbits, Chicks or Artificially Colored Animals.**

- (a) **Artificially Colored Animals or Fowl.** No person may sell, offer for sale, raffle, give as a prize or premium, use as an advertising device or display living chicks, ducklings, other fowl or rabbits that have been dyed or otherwise colored artificially.
- (b) **Sale Numbers; Brooder Chicks Exception.**
  - (1) No person may sell, offer for sale, barter or give away living chicks, ducklings or other fowl without providing proper brooder facilities for the care of such chicks, ducklings or other fowl during the time they are in such person's care, custody or control.
  - (2) No retailer, as defined in Sec. 100.30(2)(g), Wis. Stats., may sell, offer for sale, barter or give away living baby rabbits, baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl under two (2) months of age, in any quantity less than six (6), unless the purpose of selling these animals is for agricultural, wildlife or scientific purposes, or for purposes permitted under Section 7-1-25.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 951.11, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-1-16 Providing Proper Care, Food and Drink to Animals.

- (a) **Care of Dogs, Cats and Domesticated Animals.** All dogs, cats and other domesticated animals shall be cared for, maintained and handled in a humane and sanitary manner and in such a way as to prevent noises, barking, fighting or howling or other disturbance of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. No domestic animal shall be abandoned or turned loose by its owner or keeper. No animal shall be inhumanely confined in a manner which causes or is likely to cause pain, suffering, injury or death, or be kept in an unsanitary or matted state of grooming.
- (b) **Food and Water.**
- (1) No person owning or responsible for confining or impounding any animal may refuse or neglect to supply the animal with a sufficient supply of food and water as prescribed in this Section.
  - (2) The food shall be sufficient to maintain all animals in good health.
  - (3) If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it shall be provided daily and in sufficient quantity for the health of the animal.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 951.13, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-1-17 Providing Proper Shelter.

- (a) **Proper Shelter.** No person owning or responsible for confining, harboring or impounding any animal, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats and horses, shall fail to provide the animal with proper shelter as prescribed in this Section. In the case of farm animals, nothing in this Section shall be construed as imposing shelter requirements or standards more stringent than normally accepted husbandry practices in the particular county where the animal or shelter is located.
- (b) **Indoor Standards.** Minimum indoor standards of shelter shall include:
- (1) **Ambient temperatures.** The ambient temperature shall be compatible with the health of the animal.
  - (2) **Ventilation.** Indoor housing facilities shall be adequately ventilated by natural or mechanical means to provide for the health of the animals at all times.
- (c) **Outdoor Standards.** Minimum outdoor standards of shelter shall include:
- (1) **Shelter from sunlight.** When sunlight is likely to cause heat exhaustion of an animal tied or caged outside, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to protect the animal from direct sunlight. As used in this paragraph, "caged" does not include farm fencing used to confine farm animals.
  - (2) **Shelter from inclement weather.**
    - a. **Animals generally.** Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided as necessary for the health of the animal.

- b. **Dogs.** If a dog is tied or confined unattended outdoors under weather conditions which adversely affect the health of the dog, a shelter of suitable size to accommodate the dog shall be provided.
- (d) **Space Standards.** Minimum space requirements for both indoor and outdoor enclosures shall include:
  - (1) **Structural strength.** The housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.
  - (2) **Space requirements.** Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of debility, stress or abnormal behavior patterns.
- (e) **Sanitation Standards.** Minimum standards of sanitation for both indoor and outdoor enclosures shall include periodic cleaning to remove excreta and other waste materials, dirt and trash so as to minimize health hazards.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 951.14, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-1-18 Neglected or Abandoned Animals.

- (a) **Neglected or Abandoned Animals.**
  - (1) No person may abandon any animal.
  - (2) Any law enforcement or animal control officer may remove, shelter and care for an animal found to be cruelly exposed to the weather, starved or denied adequate water, neglected, abandoned or otherwise treated in a cruel manner and may deliver such animal to another person to be sheltered, cared for and given medical attention, if necessary. In all cases the owner, if known, shall be immediately notified and such officer, or other person, having possession of the animal shall have a lien thereon for its care, keeping and medical attention and the expense of notice.
  - (3) If the owner or custodian is unknown and cannot, with reasonable effort, be ascertained or does not, within five (5) days after notice, redeem the animal by paying the expenses incurred, it may be treated as a stray and dealt with as such.
  - (4) Whenever, in the opinion of any such officer, an animal is hopelessly injured or diseased so as to be beyond the probability of recovery, it shall be lawful for such officer to kill such animal and the owner thereof shall not recover damages for the killing of such animal unless he shall prove that such killing was unwarranted.
  - (5) Section 951.16, Investigation of Cruelty Complaints, and Sec. 951.17, Wis. Stats., Expenses of Investigation, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Chapter.
- (b) **Injured Animals.** No person who owns, harbors or keeps any animal shall fail to provide proper medical attention to such animal when and if such animal becomes sick or injured.

In the event the owner of such animal cannot be located, the Village or any animal control agency with whom the Village has an agreement or contract shall have the authority to take custody of such animal for the purpose of providing medical treatment, and the owner thereof shall reimburse the person or organization for the costs of such treatment.

*State Law Reference:* Secs. 951.15, 951.16 and 951.17, Wis. Stats.

## **Sec. 7-1-19 Cruelty to Animals and Birds Prohibited.**

- (a) **Acts of Cruelty Prohibited.** No person except a law enforcement or animal control officer in the pursuit of his/her duties shall, within the Village of Wheeler, shoot or kill or commit an act of cruelty to any animal or bird or disturb any bird's nests or bird's eggs.
- (b) **Leading Animal From Motor Vehicle.** No person shall lead any animal upon a Village street from a motor vehicle, tractor, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or from a trailer or semi-trailer drawn by a motor vehicle.
- (c) **Use of Poisonous and Controlled Substances.** No person may expose any pet animal owned by another to any known poisonous substance or controlled substance listed in Sec. 961.14, Wis. Stats., whether mixed with meat or other food or not, where it is reasonable to anticipate the substance may be eaten by such animal or for the purpose of harming the animal. This Subsection shall not apply to poison used on one's own premises and designed for the purpose of rodent and pest extermination, nor the use of a controlled substance used in accepted veterinarian practice or in research by persons or organizations regularly engaged in such research.
- (d) **Use of Certain Devices Prohibited.** No person may directly or indirectly, or by aiding, abetting or permitting the doing thereof either put, place, fasten, use or fix upon or to any animal used or readied for use for a work purpose or for use in an exhibition, competition, rodeo, circus or other performance any of the following devices: a bristle bur, tack bur or like device; or a poling device used to train a horse to jump which is charged with electricity or to which have been affixed nails, tacks or other sharp points.
- (e) **Shooting at Caged or Staked Animals.** No person may instigate, promote, aid or abet as a principal, agent, employee, participant or spectator, or participate in the earnings from or intentionally maintain or allow any place to be used for the shooting, killing or wounding with a firearm or any deadly weapon any animal that is tied, staked out, caged or otherwise intentionally confined in a man-made enclosure, regardless of size.

## **Sec. 7-1-20 Limitation on Number of Dogs and Cats.**

- (a) **Purpose.** The keeping of a large number of dogs and cats within the Village of Wheeler for a considerable period of time detracts from and, in many instances, is detrimental to,



healthful and comfortable life in such areas. The keeping of a large number of dogs and cats is, therefore, declared a public nuisance.

(b) **Number Limited.**

- (1) No residential unit shall own, harbor or keep in its possession more than a total of three (3) dogs or three (3) cats, or a combined total of five (5) dogs and cats, in any residential unit without the prior issuance of a kennel (multi-animal) license by the Village Board except that a litter of pups or kittens or a portion of a litter may be kept for not more than ten (10) weeks from birth.
- (2) The above requirement may be modified with the approval of the Village Board when a multiple dog (kennel) license has been issued by the Village pursuant to Section 7-1-3(b). Such application for modification shall be made to the Village Clerk-Treasurer as part of the conditional use application.

## Sec. 7-1-21 Trapping of Animals.

(a) **Unauthorized Placement on Public Lands Prohibited.**

- (1) In the interest of public health and safety, it shall be unlawful for any person, on Village-owned land within the Village of Wheeler to set, place or tend any trap for the purpose of trapping, killing, catching, wounding, worrying or molesting any animal, except by use of live box-type traps only. Live box-type traps shall be defined as those traps which capture and hold an animal in an alive and unharmed condition.
- (2) This Section shall prohibit the use of all traps on Village-owned property other than live traps as described above, including, but not limited to, traps commonly known as leg traps, pan-type traps or other traps designed to kill, wound or close upon a portion of the body of an animal.

(b) **Statutory Requirements.** All such traps set, placed or tended shall comply with Chapter 29, Wis. Stats., as they relate to trapping.

(c) **Official Duties Exception.** Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Village of Wheeler or its employees or agents from performing their official duties or engaging in Village Board-authorized vermin control.

## Sec. 7-1-22 Snakes; Farm Animals.

(a) **Snakes.**

- (1) For purposes of this Subsection, "poisonous" shall mean having the ability to cause serious harm or death by the transfer of venom or poison to a person or animal.
- (2) No person shall keep or possess any snake in the Village of Wheeler which is poisonous or in excess of ten (10) feet in length. This prohibition shall not apply to bona fide zoos, educational institutions or exhibitions keeping such snakes for display or for instructional or research purposes. Any person legally possessing any such

animal in this capacity shall notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer in writing of the location and type of snake being kept and the purpose for such possession.

- (b) **Farm Animals; Miniature Pigs.** Except as provided in Section 7-1-24 regarding miniature pigs and on properties zoned in an agricultural classification, no person shall own, keep, harbor or board any cattle, horses, ponies, swine, goats, sheep or rabbits [more than four (4)]. For purposes of this Subsection, the term "swine" shall not include any miniature pigs of either sex weighing less than eighty (80) pounds which are intended for and kept as domestic pets. The keeping of poultry and fowl shall be as provided in Section 7-1-25.

### **Sec. 7-1-23 Keeping of Bees.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to establish or maintain any hive, stand or box where bees are kept or keep any bees in or upon any premises within the corporate limits of the Village of Wheeler unless the bees are kept in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) No hive, stand or box where bees are kept shall be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any property boundary. Such hives, stands or boxes may only be located in the rear yard.
- (b) If bee colonies are kept within fifty (50) feet of any exterior boundary of the property on which the hive, stand or box is located, a barrier that will prevent bees from flying through it, no less than five (5) feet high, shall be installed and maintained along said exterior boundary. Said barrier may be either a natural planting or artificial.
- (c) Fresh, clean watering facilities for bees shall be provided on the said premises.
- (d) The bees and equipment shall be kept in accordance with the provisions of state law.
- (e) A conditional use permit shall first be obtained pursuant to the Village Zoning Code.

### **Sec. 7-1-24 Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs.**

- (a) **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:
  - (1) "Vietnamese Potbellied Pig" shall mean a purebred Vietnamese Potbellied Pig registered through a North American Vietnamese Potbellied Pig Registry, which does not exceed one hundred (100) pounds in weight.
- (b) **License Required/Fee.** It is unlawful for any person, party, firm or corporation to keep or maintain within the Village of Wheeler limits a Vietnamese Potbellied Pig without first having obtained a license from the Village Clerk-Treasurer and being in compliance with all provisions of this Section. The fee for a license issued hereunder or renewal thereof shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per calendar year or fraction thereof. Excepted from the license requirement is any law enforcement agency or agency under contract with the Village of Wheeler to care for stray or unwanted animals.

(c) **License/Application.**

- (1) Any applicant for a license or renewal thereof under this Section shall file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer a fully executed application on a form prescribed by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, accompanied by the annual license fee.
- (2) No licenses or renewal thereof shall issue hereunder until:
  - a. A Certificate of Purebred Registration is filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
  - b. There has been an inspection by a Village law official, such as the animal control officer or the Building Inspector, of the premises being licensed and a determination by said sanitarian that all requirements of this Section, and other applicable general and zoning ordinances, have been met.
  - c. There is an adequate means of restraining animals from running at large or disturbing the peace.
- (3) Any license or renewal thereof issued hereunder shall be for a calendar year or portion thereof. Licenses must be renewed each calendar year on or before the 31st day of January. Licenses shall not be assignable or transferable either to another person, party, firm or corporation or for another location.
- (4) When issued, a license shall be kept upon the licensed premises and exhibited, upon request, to any Village personnel requesting to examine it and having authority to enforce this Section.
- (5) Only one (1) Vietnamese Potbellied Pig may be at any premises.

(d) **License Requirements.** Licensee shall comply with the following as a condition of obtaining and maintaining a license:

- (1) Animal feces to be collected on a daily basis and stored in a sanitary receptacle. Animals shall not be brought, or permitted to be, on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by the owner or person in charge of the animal, unless such person has in his/her immediate possession an appropriate device for scooping excrement and an appropriate depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by such person.
- (2) When sunlight is likely to cause overheating to discomfort, sufficient shade shall be provided to allow an animal kept outdoors to protect itself from the direct rays of the sun.
- (3) An animal kept outdoors shall be provided with access to shelter to allow it to remain dry during rain or snow. Animals may be kept outdoors only if contained in a fenced enclosure sufficient for purposes of restraint.
- (4) When the atmospheric temperature is less than fifty degrees Fahrenheit (50°F), an animal shall be kept indoors at a temperature no less than fifty degrees Fahrenheit (50°F), except for temporary ventures which do not endanger the animals health.
- (5) An effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained where a problem.
- (6) Animals shall be fed and watered at least once a day, except as otherwise might be required to provide adequate veterinary care. The food shall be free from

contamination, wholesome, palatable and of sufficient quality and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animal. Food receptacles shall be accessible to the animal and shall be located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. Feeding pans shall be durable and kept clean. The food receptacles shall be cleaned daily. Disposable food receptacles may be used, but must be discarded after each feeding. Self feeders may be used for the feeding of dry food and they shall be sanitized as needed, but at least once per week, to prevent molding, deterioration or caking of feed.

- (7) Animals may not be permitted to exceed one hundred (100) pounds in weight.
  - (8) Animals shall be examined by a veterinarian within a period of sixty (60) days prior to a new license application being filed. The animal may be licensed only upon a written statement from a veterinarian as to:
    - a. The animal's weight.
    - b. The animal has received all recommended vaccinations and boosters.
    - c. The animal is asymptomatic respecting disease or has a disease which is not contagious and is receiving appropriate treatment.
    - d. The animal's tusks, if any, have been removed or trimmed so as not to endanger any person or animal.
    - e. The animal has passed a pseudorabies test administered in accordance with application state regulations.
  - (9) The animal shall not be permitted to run at large. "Run at large" shall mean the presence of an animal which is not on a leash of six (6) feet or less on any public property or thoroughfare or on any private property. An animal may be unleashed on private property, with the permission of the property owner, in a fenced enclosure sufficient for purposes of restraint. Animals which are not leashed in a motor vehicle shall not be deemed to "run at large" if secured in a manner as will prevent their escape therefrom.
  - (10) Animals shall not be kept in a manner as to disturb the peace of the neighborhood or of persons passing to and from upon the streets.
- (e) **Suspension, Revocation or Denial of Renewal of License.** The Village President or a law enforcement or animal control officer shall have the right to suspend or revoke any license once granted or deny annual renewal thereof when it appears that any license has violated any of the provisions of this Section, or any ordinance of the Village, or law, rule or regulation of the State of Wisconsin, involving cruelty or mistreatment of the animal, or the unlawful possession of the animal. Prior to the suspension or revocation of any license or the denial of an application for a renewal thereof, written notice of the reason for such action shall be given to the applicant or licensee by the officer. Such notice shall state that the applicant may pursue an appeal to the Village Board by filing a request within ten (10) days of such notice.

## Sec. 7-1-25 Keeping of Chickens on Residential Parcels.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to provide standards for the keeping of a limited number of domesticated chickens and other poultry on residential parcels in the Village of Wheeler on a non-commercial basis while limiting the potential adverse impacts on the surrounding neighborhood. The Village recognizes that the keeping of backyard chickens helps provide locally produced, affordable and sustainable food. In addition, the keeping of such chickens can also provide animal companionship, weed and insect control, and nitrogen-rich fertilizer. The Village of Wheeler recognizes, however, that potential adverse impacts may result from the keeping of domesticated chickens as a result of odor, unsanitary waste removal and storage practices, noise, improper living conditions, non-confined poultry leaving the owner's property, and the attraction of predators, rodents or insects. This Section is intended to balance these interests. This Section is not intended to apply to indoor non-poultry birds kept as pets, including, but not limited to, parrots and parakeets, nor to the lawful transportation of fowl through the Village of Wheeler.
- (b) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Chicken.** Includes the following types of poultry and fowl: chickens, ducks, pigeons, doves, and quail. [Note: Other poultry types are specifically addressed in this Section.]
  - (2) **Chicken Coop.** A structure or building for the sheltering of chickens or other poultry. An existing shed or garage may be utilized for this purpose if it meets the standards of this Section, including required distances to property lines and neighboring residences. Also known as a "hen house" or "chicken house".
  - (3) **Chicken Pen.** An outdoor fenced area for poultry grazing and exercise use associated with a chicken coop structure. Also known as a "run".
- (c) **Where Permitted.** Chickens may be raised on one- or two-family residential-zoned parcels, as defined in the Village of Wheeler Zoning Code, in accordance with the regulations prescribed in this Section where a principal residence exists on the parcel.
- (d) **Permit Required; Application Requirements.** No chickens may be kept in the Village of Wheeler on parcels with a residential zoning classification except pursuant to a permit obtained from the Village Clerk-Treasurer under this Section. A permit may be issued upon the applicant's meeting of the application requirements below and the husbandry and location standards of this Section:
- (1) **Consent From Adult Residents.** The applicant must provide the written consent from all adult residents residing on the parcel for which the permit is sought.
  - (2) **Consent From Two-Family/Three Family Neighbors.** In the case of an applicant residing on a parcel with a two-family or three-family residence, the applicant must furnish with an application the written consent from the adult occupants of the other residential unit(s) on the parcel.
  - (3) **Site Plan.** The applicant shall provide a site plan showing the location and dimensions of the proposed chicken coop and any associated pen, and the distance of the coop and pen from all lot lines and principal structures located on adjacent lots.

- (4) **Fee.** The applicant shall make payment of the initial permit fee or renewal fee prescribed in Sec. 1-3-1. Permit fees will not be pro-rated in the case of mid-year applications.
- (5) **Inspection Consent.** Application and issuance of a permit under this Section constitutes consent by the applicant to the Village of Wheeler and any of its employees or agents to enter upon the applicant's property to ascertain compliance with this Section and with the terms of the permit, for as long as a permit is in effect.
- (6) **Permit Issuance; Appeals.**
  - a. Permits will be issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer upon a finding that all conditions for a permit have been met. Written notice of the granting or denial of an application shall be provided to the applicant and to any person who has filed an objection to the granting of the permit. If a permit is denied, the Village will provide the reasons for such denial.
  - b. The Village may specify maximum size limits for a chicken coop and/or pen as a condition of permit issuance.
  - c. Any person aggrieved by the granting or denial of a permit may have such grant or denial reviewed by the Village Board by filing a written request for review with the Village Clerk-Treasurer no later than ten (10) days after the mailing date of the notice of grant or denial.
  - d. Permits under this Section shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, expiring on January 31st of each year.
- (e) **Permit Revocation; Citizen Complaints.**
  - (1) **Revocation Grounds.** A permit issued under this Section may be revoked by the Clerk-Treasurer, Zoning Administrator or other enforcement official upon a finding that:
    - a. The permittee has committed a serious violation of this Section, or upon a finding that the permittee has committed multiple or repeated violations of this Section;  
or
    - b. The permittee has made a material misstatement or omission with his/her permit application.
  - (2) **Citizen Complaints.** A citizen may file a written complaint for consideration by the Clerk-Treasurer or other enforcement official. Upon review, a revocation action may be initiated by the Clerk-Treasurer or other enforcement official.
  - (3) **Revocation Procedures.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer or other enforcement official shall provide written notice to the permittee upon the revocation of a permit, and shall include in the notice a listing of the reasons for the revocation and a notice of the permittee's appeal rights as provided in this Subsection. The Village Clerk-Treasurer or other enforcement official shall also provide a copy of the notice to any person who has filed a written and signed complaint regarding the permittee, and shall also provide to any such person notice of a non-revocation on the basis of such complaint.
  - (4) **Permit Revocation Appeals.** Any person aggrieved by the revocation or non-revocation of a permit may appeal such decision and have the action reviewed by the

Village Board by filing a written request for review with the Village Clerk-Treasurer no later than ten (10) days after the mailing date of the notice of action.

- (f) **Chicken Coop Standards.** A coop shall be provided and shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for the chickens while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood. Chickens shall be provided with a building or structure ("coop") that meets the criteria set forth below:
- (1) **Location.** The coop shall be located no closer than ten (10) feet to a lot line, and no closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any residence or other occupied structure other than that of the owner, and may not be located in the street or side yard, as that term is defined in the Village Zoning Code.
  - (2) **Space Per Chicken.** Each mature chicken shall have a minimum of three (3) square feet of coop floor space.
  - (3) **Nesting Boxes.** There shall be at least one (1) nesting box per mature chicken in the coop.
  - (4) **Elevated Perches.** The coop shall include elevated perches.
  - (5) **Soundness of Construction.** The coop must be structurally sound, moisture-proof, kept in good repair, and attractively finished and maintained. Coop structures shall have a roof and sides, be enclosed on all sides, have at least one (1) door, and be of a design that is secure from predators, including but not limited to dogs, cats, racoons, skunks, rats, coyotes and hawks. Access doors must be able to be closed and locked to prevent the escape of chickens and the entry of predators. A coop, with attached pen, may be of a moveable design to facilitate grazing provided such unit meets the standards of this Section.
  - (6) **Windows; Ventilation.** The coop shall have adequate windows and vents to provide for proper light and ventilation. A coop must have at least one (1) window. Window and vent openings shall be covered with predator- and bird-proof wire of less than one (1) inch openings. Coops shall be located in a manner so as to provide both shade and adequate sunlight.
  - (7) **Chicken Run Access.** The coop must provide access to the chicken pen/run.
  - (8) **Temperature.** The coop must be maintained at an internal temperature of not less than 25° F. A heating bulb may be utilized.
- (g) **Chicken Pens.** Chickens shall at all times be provided with an outdoor fenced area that meets the criteria set forth below:
- (1) **Location.** The chicken pen must be no closer than ten (10) feet to a lot line, and no closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any house or other occupied structure other than that of the owner, and may not be located in the street or side yard, as that term is defined in the Village Zoning Code.
  - (2) **Space Per Chicken.** Each mature chicken shall have a minimum of six (6) square feet of ground space within a chicken pen.
  - (3) **Minimum Dimensions.** The chicken pen must have minimum dimensions of three (3) feet wide by three (3) feet long by three (3) feet tall (3' x 3' x 3').

- (4) **Fencing; Mesh Size.** The chicken pen sides shall be enclosed with sturdy wire fencing of a mesh size of not more than one (1") inch openings.
  - (5) **Chicken Pen Roof Fencing.** The chicken pen shall be covered with wire fencing or stout aviary netting with a mesh size of openings not more than one (1") inch square, or with solid roofing, to prevent entry by predators.
  - (6) **Fencing Burial.** If the chicken pen is not mobile, side fencing must be buried at least one (1) foot underground around the entire periphery of the pen to prevent burrowing by predators or rodents.
- (h) **Miscellaneous Requirements.**
- (1) **Number Limits; Other Poultry Species.**
    - a. The maximum number of chickens which may be kept on a residential zoned parcel is as follows:
      1. Five (5) for residential lots of twenty thousand (20,000) sq. ft. or less.
    - b. The number of chickens which may be kept on residential lots greater than twenty thousand (20,000) sq. ft. may be increased by one (1) additional chicken per three thousand (3,000) sq. ft. up to a maximum of eight (8).
    - c. The keeping of poultry species other than those specified in Subsection (b)(1), such as, but not limited to turkeys, pheasants, guinea fowl, geese and peacocks, is permitted only on parcels forty thousand (40,000) sq. ft. or larger after issuance of a conditional use permit pursuant to the Village Zoning Code (Title 13, Chapter 1, Article E).
  - (2) **Roosters.** Only female chickens are permitted on residential parcels and the keeping of roosters over four (4) months of age is prohibited on residential parcels except on those residential parcels forty thousand (40,000) square feet or larger where one (1) rooster may be kept for every ten (10) hens.
  - (3) **Food and Water.** Chickens shall be provided with access to clean water and food at all times; steps shall be taken to keep such water and food unavailable to predators and rodents.
  - (4) **Confinement Standards.** Chickens shall be kept confined in a coop or pen enclosure at all times, except that during daylight hours chickens may be allowed outside of their chicken pens or coops in a securely fenced yard if directly supervised. Chickens shall be secured within the coop during non-daylight hours.
  - (5) **Manure Storage and Removal; Sanitary Standards.**
    - a. The coop shall be cleaned daily. Provision shall be made for the storage and removal of chicken manure and other waste generated. All stored manure shall be contained within a fully enclosed building or in a predator- and vermin-proof container with a secure lid. Manure not used for fertilizing or composting shall regularly be removed from the site.
    - b. Feed shall be stored in a predator- and vermin-proof container with a secure lid. Uneaten or spoiled feed shall be removed in a timely manner.



- c. The coop, pen, and surrounding area shall be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings, and shall at all times be clean and well-maintained.
- d. Mobile chicken coops or pens shall be moved daily to prevent excessive manure or pathogen accumulation.
- e. If a chicken dies, it shall be disposed of promptly in a sanitary manner.
- f. Chickens shall not be kept in the principal residence past eight (8) weeks of age.
- (6) **Lighting.** Only motion-activated lighting may be used as a regular means of illuminating the exterior of the coop.
- (7) **Noise and Odor Impacts.**
  - a. Perceptible noise from chickens shall not be persistent or be of such loudness at the property boundaries to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.
  - b. Odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other substances related to the keeping of chickens shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries.
- (8) **Slaughtering of Chickens.** No slaughtering of chickens shall take place outside or within public view.
- (9) **Restrictive Covenants.** While the Village is not an enforcement authority for private restrictive covenants in place for certain subdivisions, it is the responsibility of the permittee to also investigate and be in compliance with any applicable land division restrictive covenants on the keeping of poultry within that subdivision.
- (i) **Sale of Eggs; Commercial Activities.** A permittee or family member of a permittee may sell eggs laid by the chickens permitted under this Section from the residence for which the permit has been issued, provided the permittee complies with all other applicable laws. The sale of such eggs is not considered a commercial use or a home occupation. Chickens may not be kept for any type of commercial purposes. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep live poultry within the Village on a residential-zoned parcel for the purposes of sale or breeding, except in compliance with zoning regulations.
- U) **Penalties.**
  - (1) A forfeiture may be assessed for any violation of this Section in an amount as authorized under Sec. 1-1-6. Each day that a violation of this Section continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Any violation hereunder shall be deemed a separate violation for each chicken kept in violation of this Section.
  - (2) In addition to a forfeiture penalty, any violation of the provisions of this Section or of the permit shall be grounds for the enforcement authorities of the Village of Wheeler to remove the chickens and the chicken-related facilities. Nothing in this Section, including but not limited to the issuance of a permit, shall be construed as limiting the Village from abating nuisance-type conditions on a property.

## Sec. 7-1-26 Feeding of Deer.

- (a) **Feeding of Deer Prohibited.** No person may place any salt, mineral, grain, deer suckers, fruit or vegetable material outdoors on any public or private property for the purpose of

feeding whitetail deer or enticing deer into any specific area of anyone's property in the Village of Wheeler.

- (b) **Presumption.** There shall be a rebuttable presumption that either of the following acts are for the purpose of feeding whitetail deer:
- (1) **Placement Height.** The placement of salt, mineral, grain, deer suckers, fruit or vegetable material in an aggregate quantity of greater than one-half (1/2) gallon at the height of less than six (6) feet off the ground.
  - (2) **Placement Quantity.** The placement of salt, mineral, grain, deer suckers, fruit or vegetable material in an aggregate quantity of greater than one-half (1/2) gallon in a drop feeder, automatic feeder or similar device regardless of the height of the salt, mineral, grain, fruit or vegetable material.
- (c) **Exceptions.** This Section shall not apply to the following situations:
- (1) **Hunting.** The placement of bait for the purpose of hunting whitetail deer subject to all other laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing hunting and the discharge of hunting weapons in the State of Wisconsin.
  - (2) **Naturally Growing Materials.** Naturally growing grain, fruit or vegetable material, including gardens and residue from lawns, gardens and other vegetable materials maintained as a mulch pile.
  - (3) **Bird Feeders.** Unmodified commercially purchased bird feeders or their equivalent.
  - (4) **Authorized by the Village Board.** Deer feeding may be authorized on a temporary basis by the Village Board for a specific public purpose as determined by the Village Board.
  - (5) **Counting.** Deer feeding may be authorized on a temporary basis by the Village Board for the purpose of determining the deer population.

## **Sec. 7-1-27 Dog Pens; Setback for Leashed Dogs.**

- (a) **Building Permit Required.** Any party constructing a dog pen within the Village of Wheeler will be first required to obtain a building permit from the Building Inspector or designee for the sum set from time to time by the Village Board.
- (b) **Setbacks Required of Dog Pens.** No dog pen/house/run may be constructed within the Village of Wheeler closer than ten (10) feet from a neighbor's property line and no dog shall be tied so that it is closer than ten (10) feet from such neighbor's property line.

## **Sec. 7-1-28 Penalties.**

- (a) **Penalties for Violations Under This Chapter.** Any person violating any Section of this Chapter, except Sections 7-1-7 and 7-1-11 (which have penalty provisions), shall be subject

to a forfeiture of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense and not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for any subsequent offenses.

- (b) **Failure to Comply with Rabies Quarantine.** An owner who refuses to comply with an order issued under Section 7-1-5 to deliver an animal to an officer, isolation facility or veterinarian or who does not comply with the conditions of an order that an animal be quarantined shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days or both.
- (c) **Miscellaneous.** Each day that a violation of this Chapter continues shall be deemed a separate violation. Any dog found to be the subject of a violation of this Section shall be subject to immediate seizure, impoundment and removal from the Village of Wheeler by Village-authorized officials in the event the owner or keeper of the dog fails to remove the dog from the Village of Wheeler. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this Chapter shall pay all expenses including shelter, food, handling and veterinary care necessitated by the enforcement of this Chapter. This Section shall also permit the Village Attorney to apply to the court of competent jurisdiction for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining any person from violating any aspect of this Chapter.



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# Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor

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## **Article A: Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor**

### **Sec. 7-2-1 State Statutes Adopted.**

The provisions of Ch. 125, Wis. Stats., relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages, except provisions therein relating to penalties to be imposed, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Chapter as if fully set forth herein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by any statute incorporated herein by reference is required or prohibited by this Chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein are intended to be made a part of this Chapter in order to secure uniform statewide regulation of alcohol beverage control.

*State Law Reference:* Chapter 125, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-2-2 Definitions.**

As used in this Chapter the terms "Alcoholic Beverages," "Intoxicating Liquors," "Principal Business," "Legal Drinking Age", "Premises," "Sell," "Sold," "Sale," "Restaurant," "Cider," "Chamber of Commerce," "Club," "Retailer," "Person," "Fermented Malt Beverages," "Wholesalers," "Retailers," "Operators," and "Non-Intoxicating Beverages" shall have the meaning given them by Ch. 125, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-2-3 License Required.**

No person, firm or corporation shall vend, sell, deal or traffic in or have in his/her/its possession with intent to vend, sell, deal or traffic in or, for the purpose of evading any law or ordinance, give away any intoxicating liquor, fermented malt beverage, wine or intoxicating cider in any quantity whatever, or cause the same to be done, without having procured a license as provided in this Chapter nor without complying with all the provisions of this Chapter, and all statutes and regulations applicable thereto, except as provided by Secs. 125.16, 125.27, 125.28 and 125.51, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-2-4 Classes of Licenses.**

(a) **Retail "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License.**

- (1) **Generally.** A retail "Class A" intoxicating liquor license, when issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer under the authority of the Village Board, shall permit its holder to

sell, deal and traffic in intoxicating liquors only in original packages or containers and to be consumed off the premises so licensed.

- (2) **Customer Samples.** A "Class A" license authorizes the licensee to provide, free of charge, to customers and visitors who have attained the legal drinking age, taste samples of intoxicating liquor other than wine that are not in original packages or containers and that do not exceed 0.5 fluid ounces each, for consumption on the "Class A" premises. No "Class A" licensee may provide more than one such taste sample per day to any one person. Taste samples may be provided only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any representative of a manufacturer, rectifier, winery, or out-of-state shipper issued a permit under Secs. 125.52, 125.53, or 125.58, Wis. Stats., may assist the "Class A" licensee in dispensing or serving the taste samples. No "Class A" licensee may provide as taste samples under this Subsection intoxicating liquor other than wine that the "Class A" licensee did not purchase from a wholesaler.
- (b) **Retail "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License - Cider Only.** A "Class A" intoxicating liquor license issued under this Section shall entitle the holder to sell, deal and traffic in cider only, and only in original packages or containers and to be consumed off the premises so licensed. A retail "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License for Cider only shall be granted to an applicant who holds a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's license issued under Sec. 125.25, Wis. Stats., or under Subsection (e) of this Section, for the same premises for which the "Class A" license application is made.
- (c) **Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License.** A retail "Class B" intoxicating liquor license, when issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer under authority of the Village Board, shall permit its holder to sell, deal and traffic in intoxicating liquors to be consumed by the glass only on the premises so licensed and in the original package or container in multiples not to exceed four (4) liters at any one (1) time, to be consumed off the premises, except that wine may be sold in the original package or otherwise in any other quantity to be consumed off the premises. Per Sec. 125.51(3), Wis. Stats., a "Class B" intoxicating liquor license can only be issued to a holder of a Class "B" fermented malt beverage license.
- (d) **Reserve "Class B" Licenses.** A Reserve "Class B" license means a license that is not granted or issued by the Village of Wheeler on December 1, 1997, and that is counted under Sec. 125.51(4)(br), Wis. Stats., which, if granted or issued, authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor to be consumed by the glass only on the premises where sold, and also authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original package or container in multiples not to exceed four (4) liters at any one time, to be consumed off premises, except that wine may be sold in the original package or otherwise in any other quantity to be consumed off the premises.
- (e) **Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License.**
  - (1) **Generally.** A Class "A" retailer's fermented malt beverage license, when issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer under the authority of the Village Board, shall entitle the



holder thereof to possess, sell or offer for sale fermented malt beverages only for consumption away from the premises where sold and in the original packages, containers or bottles. Such license may be issued after July 1st. The license shall expire on the following June 30th.

- (2) **Customer Samples.** A Class "A" license also authorizes the licensee to provide, free of charge to customers and visitors who have attained the legal drinking age, fermented malt beverages taste samples that are not in original packages, containers, or bottles and that do not exceed three (3) fluid ounces each, for consumption on the Class "A" premises. No Class "A" licensee may provide more than two (2) taste samples per day to any one person. Taste samples may be provided under this Subsection only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Any other regulatory provision applicable to retail sales of fermented malt beverages by a Class "A" licensee also applies to the provision of taste samples, free of charge, of fermented malt beverages by a Class "A" licensee.
- (f) **Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License.**
- (1) **License.** A Class "B" fermented malt beverage retailer's license, when issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer under the authority of the Village Board, shall entitle the holder thereof to possess, sell or offer for sale, fermented malt beverages, either to be consumed upon the premises where sold or away from such premises. The holder may also sell beverages containing less than one-half (1/2) of a percentum of alcohol by volume, without obtaining a special license to sell such beverages. Such license may be issued after July 1st. The license shall expire on the following June 30th.
  - (2) **Application.** Class "B" licenses may be issued to any person qualified under Sec. 125.04(5), Wis. Stats. Such licenses may not be issued to any person acting as agent for or in the employ of another except that this restriction does not apply to a hotel or restaurant which is not a part of or located on the premises of any mercantile establishment, or to a bona fide club, society or lodge that has been in existence for at least six (6) months before the date of application. A Class "B" license for a hotel, restaurant, club, society or lodge may be issued in the name of an officer who shall be personally responsible for compliance with this Chapter. Except as provided in Sec. 125.31, Wis. Stats., Class "B" licenses may not be issued to brewers or fermented malt beverages wholesalers.
- (g) **Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License.**
- (1) **License.**
    - a. As provided in Sec. 125.26(1,) and (6), Wis. Stats., Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage licenses may be issued to bona fide clubs and chambers of commerce, to county or local fair associations or agricultural societies, to churches, lodges or societies that have been in existence for at least six (6) months before the date of application and to posts of veterans' organizations authorizing the sale of fermented malt beverages at a particular picnic or similar

gathering, at a meeting of the post, or during a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural society.

- b. A license issued to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of fermented malt beverages from leased stands on the fairgrounds. The county or district fair to which the license is issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who may engage in retail sales of fermented malt beverages from the stands while the fair is being held.
- c. Such license is valid for dates as approved by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

(2) **Application.**

- a. Application for such temporary license shall be signed by the president or corresponding officer of the society or association making such application and shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer together with the appropriate license fee for each day for which the license is sought. Any denial of a license may be appealed to the Village Board under Section 7-2-10. Any application not filed at least five (5) days before the date of the licensed event may not provide enough time for the Village Clerk-Treasurer to take action of the application, and any application not filed at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the licensed event may not provide enough time for the applicant to appeal any denial of license by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- b. Any person fronting for any group other than the one applied for shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and will be ineligible to apply for a temporary Class "B" license for one (1) year.
- c. The temporary license shall specify the hours and dates of license validity. The application shall be filed a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting of the Village Board at which the application will be considered for events of more than four (4) consecutive days.
- d. If the application is for a temporary license to be used in a Village park, the applicant shall specify the main point of sale facility.
- e. The Village Board, or other official authorized to issue Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage licenses, may issue a qualified organization Temporary Class "B" beer licenses for a multiple-location, single-day event on a specific date and time for the purpose of conducting a "beer walk". For such an event to occur:
  - 1. The Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage licenses must be issued by the Village to the same qualified organization which is the licensee and sponsor of the multiple-location, single-day event.
  - 2. The Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage licenses must be issued for the same date and time.
  - 3. An admission fee shall be charged for participation in the event. No additional charge can be charged for service of alcohol at the event.

4. There is no limit to the number of Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage licenses the Village may issue to a qualified organization.
- f. Temporary Class "B" licensees must purchase all beer from beer wholesalers or breweries/brewpubs authorized to self-distribute to retail licensees.

(h) **Temporary "Class B" Wine License.**

(1) **License.**

- a. Notwithstanding Sec. 125.68(3), Wis. Stats., Temporary "Class B" wine licenses may be issued to bona fide clubs and chambers of commerce, to county or local fair associations or agricultural societies, to churches, lodges or societies that have been in existence for at least six (6) months before the date of application and to posts of veterans' organizations authorizing the sale of wine in an original package, container or bottle or by the glass if the wine is dispensed directly from an original package, container or bottle at a particular picnic or similar gathering, at a meeting of the post, or during a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural society. An eligible organization may obtain a Temporary "Class B" wine license without also obtaining a temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage license.
- b. No fee may be charged to a person who, at the same time, applies for a Temporary Class "B" beer license under Sec. 125.26(6), Wis. Stats., for the same event. A license issued to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of wine from leased stands on the fairgrounds.
- c. The county or district fair to which the license is issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who may engage in retail sales of wine from the stands while the fair is being held.
- d. Not more than two (2) such licenses may be issued under this Subsection to any club, chamber of commerce, county or local fair association, agricultural association, church, lodge, society or veterans' post in any twelve (12) month period.
- e. An applicant may receive up to twenty (20) temporary licenses for the purpose of conducting a "wine walk" if all of the following apply:
  1. Each license is issued for the same date and times and the licensee is the sponsor of an event held at multiple locations within the municipality on this date and at these times.
  2. An admission fee is charged for participation in the event and no additional fee is charged for service of alcohol at the event.
  3. Within the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period, the Village has issued licenses under authority of this Subsection for fewer than two (2) events.
  4. The duration of an event may not exceed one (1) day.

5. Multiple licenses issued under this Subsection count as one (1) license for purposes of Subsection (h)(1)d.

(2) **Application.**

- a. Application for such temporary wine license shall be signed by the president or corresponding officer of the society or association making such application and shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer together with the appropriate license fee for each day for which the license is sought. Any application not filed at least five (5) business days before the desired date of the license may not provide enough time for the Village Clerk-Treasurer to take action on the application. Any denial of a license may be appealed to the Village Board under Section 7-2-10.
- b. Any person fronting for any group other than the one applied for shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and shall be ineligible to apply for a temporary "Class B" wine license for one (1) year.
- c. The license shall specify the hours and dates of license validity.
- d. If the application is for a license to be used in a Village park, the applicant shall specify the main point of sale facility.
- e. The Village Board, or other official authorized by the Village Board to issue temporary "Class B" wine licenses, may authorize an underage person to enter and remain on the premises so licensed if all of the following apply:
  - 1. The Village Board issuing the license, or other official authorized by the Village Board, authorizes the licensee to permit underage persons to be on the licensed premises for the purpose of acting as designated drivers.
  - 2. The licensee permits on the licensed premises unaccompanied underage persons to be present only for the purpose of acting as designated drivers and the licensee provides a means of identification, such as a wrist band, to identify such underage persons as designated drivers.
  - 3. The underage person is present on the licensed premises to act as a designated driver and displays the means of identification specified herein.
- f. Temporary "Class B" licensees must purchase all wine from wine wholesalers or other entities authorized to self-distribute wine to retail licensees.

(i) **Wholesaler's License.** A wholesaler's fermented malt beverage license, when issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer under authority of the Village Board, shall entitle the holder thereof to possess, sell or offer for sale fermented malt beverages only in original packages or containers to dealers, not to be consumed in or about the premises of said wholesaler.

U) **Retail "Class C" Wine License.**

- (1) In this Subsection, "barroom" means a room that is primarily used for the sale or consumption of alcohol beverages.
- (2) A "Class C" license authorizes the retail sale of wine by the glass or in an opened original container for consumption on the premises where sold.

- (3) A "Class C" license may be issued to a person qualified under Sec. 125.04(5), Wis. Stats., for a restaurant in which the sale of alcohol beverages accounts for less than fifty percent (50%) of gross receipts and which does not have a barroom if the Village's quota prohibits the Village from issuing a "Class B" license to that person. A "Class C" license may not be issued to a foreign corporation or a person acting as agent for or in the employ of another.
- (4) A "Class C" license shall particularly describe the premises for which it is issued.

*Cross-Reference:* Section 7-2-17.

## Sec. 7-2-5 License Fees.

- (a) **Fees.** There shall be the following classes of licenses in the Village of Wheeler which, when issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer under the authority of the Village Board after payment of the license fee and publication costs hereinafter specified, shall permit the holder to sell, deal or traffic in intoxicating liquors or fermented malt beverages as provided in Section 7-2-4 of this Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125, Wis. Stats.:
  - (1) **Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverages Retailer's License.** The annual fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. The fee for a license for less than twelve (12) months shall be prorated according to the number of months or fraction thereof for which the license is issued.
  - (2) **"Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License - Cider.** There is no fee for a "Class A" Cider License.
  - (3) **Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License.** The annual fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. This license may be issued at any time for six (6) months in any calendar year, for which fifty percent (50%) of the applicable license fee shall be paid, but such license shall not be renewable during the calendar year in which issued. The fee for a license for less than twelve (12) months shall be prorated according to the number of months or fraction thereof for which the license is issued.
  - (4) **Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License.** The fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per event.
  - (5) **Temporary "Class B" Wine License.** The fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per event. However, there shall be no fee if the Temporary Wine License is obtained along with a Temporary Fermented Malt Beverage License.
  - (6) **Fermented Malt Beverage Wholesalers' License.** The annual fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
  - (7) **"Class A" Intoxicating Liquor Retailer's License.** The annual fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
  - (8) **"Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Retailer's License.** The annual fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. This license may be issued at any time for



six (6) months in any calendar year, for which fifty percent (50%) of the applicable license fee shall be paid, but such license shall not be renewable during the calendar year in which issued.

- (9) **"Class C" Wine License.** The annual fee for this license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. The fee for less than one (1) year shall be prorated.
- (b) **Cancellation for Failure to Pay Fee.** The Village shall issue each license approved by the Village Board and shall make the same available at the Village Clerk-Treasurer's office. Any licenses for which the license fee is not paid within fifteen (15) days of approval of the application by the Village Board shall be returned to the Village Board for cancellation or other disposition.

## Sec. 7-2-6 Application for License.

- (a) **Contents.** Application for a license to sell or deal in intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and shall be sworn to by the applicant as provided by Secs. 887.01 to 887.04, Wis. Stats., and shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the granting of such license. The premises shall be physically described to include every room and storage space to be covered by the license, including all rooms not separated by a solid wall or joined by connecting entrances.
- (b) **Corporations.** Such application shall be filed and sworn to by the applicant if an individual, by the president and secretary, of a corporation.
- (c) **Publication.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall publish each application for a Class "A", Class "B", "Class A", "Class B", or "Class C" license. There is no publication requirement for temporary Class "B" picnic beer licenses under Sec. 125.26, Wis. Stats., or temporary "Class B" picnic wine licenses under Sec. 125.51(10), Wis. Stats. The application shall be published once in the official Village newspaper, and the costs of publication shall be paid by the applicant at the time the application is filed, as determined under Sec. 985.08, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Amending Application.** Whenever anything occurs to change any fact set out in the application of any Licensee, such Licensee shall file with the issuing authority a notice in writing of such change within ten (10) days after the occurrence thereof.
- (e) **Quota.** License quotas shall be as established in Ch. 125, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-2-7 Qualifications of Applicants and Premises.

- (a) **Residence Requirements.** A retail Class "A" or Class "B" fermented malt beverage, "Class A" or Class "B" intoxicating liquor license, or Class "C" wine license shall be granted

- only to American citizen or persons with permanent residency status (green card) who have been residents of the State of Wisconsin continuously for at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of application.
- (b) **Applicant to Have Malt Beverage License.** No retail "Class B" intoxicating liquor license shall be issued to any person who does not have or to whom is not issued a Class "B" retailer's license to sell fermented malt beverages.
- (c) **Right to Premises.**
- (1) No applicant will be considered unless he/she has the right to possession of the premises described in the application for the license period, by lease or by deed.
  - (2) Any person applying for a Class "B" Intoxicating Liquor license shall have a premises at the time application is made or within the license year. In the event a building permit for construction or remodeling has been issued and substantial progress is being made on such construction or remodeling, the licensee shall be considered to meet the requirement of having a premises. In the event such licensee does not so obtain a premises, such license shall be subject to revocation or non-renewal.
- (d) **Age of Applicant.** Licenses related to alcohol beverages shall only be granted to persons who have attained the legal drinking age.
- (e) **Corporate Restrictions.**
- (1) No license or permit may be issued to any corporation unless the corporation meets the qualifications under Sec. 125.04(a)1 and 4 and (b), Wis. Stats., unless the agent of the corporation appointed under Sec. 125.04(6) and the officers and directors of the corporation meet the qualifications of Sec. 125.04(a)1 and 3 and (b) and unless the agent of the corporation appointed under Sec. 125.04(6) meets the qualification under Sec. 125.04(a)2. The requirement that the corporation meet the qualifications under Sec. 125.04(a)1 and (b) does not apply if the corporation has terminated its relationship with all of the individuals whose actions directly contributed to the conviction.
  - (2) Each corporate applicant shall file with its application for such license a statement by its officers showing the names and addresses of the persons who are stockholders together with the amount of stock held by such person or persons. It shall be the duty of each corporate applicant and Licensee to file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer a statement of transfers of stock within forty-eight (48) hours after such transfer of stock.
  - (3) Any license issued to a corporation may be revoked in the manner and under the procedure established in Sec. 125.12, Wis. Stats., when more than fifty percent (50%) of the stock interest, legal or beneficial, in such corporation is held by any person or persons not eligible for a license under this Chapter or under the state law.
- (f) **Sales Tax Qualification.** All applicants for retail licenses shall provide proof, as required by Sec. 77.61(11), Wis. Stats., that they are in good standing for sales tax purposes (i.e., hold a seller's permit) before they may be issued a license.



- (g) **Connecting Premises.** Except in the case of hotels, no person may hold both a "Class A" license and either a "Class B" license or permit, a Class "B" license or permit, or a "Class C" license for the same premises or for connecting premises. Except for hotels, if either type of license or permit is issued for the same or connecting premises already covered by the other type of license or permit, the license or permit last issued is void. If both licenses or permits are issued simultaneously, both are void.
- (h) **Limitations on Other Business; Class "B" Premises.** No Class "B" license or permit may be granted for any premises where any other business is conducted in connection with the premises, except that this restriction does not apply if the premises for which the Class "B" license or permit is issued is connected to premises where other business is conducted by a secondary doorway that serves as a safety exit and is not the primary entrance to the Class "B" premises. No other business may be conducted on premises operating under a Class "B" license or permit. These restrictions do not apply to any of the following:
- (1) A hotel.
  - (2) A restaurant, whether or not it is a part of or located in any mercantile establishment.
  - (3) A combination grocery store and tavern.
  - (4) A combination sporting goods store and tavern in towns, villages and 4th class cities.
  - (5) A combination novelty store and tavern.
  - (6) A bowling alley or recreation premises.
  - (7) A club, society or lodge that has been in existence for six (6) months or more prior to the date of filing application for the Class "B" license or permit.
- (i) **Catering Service Requirements.** In any case where the licensee operates or conducts a business in which the Licensee provides food for consumption off the licensed premises, commonly known as a catering service, the following rules shall apply to a caterer who provides alcoholic beverages as part of the catering services:
- (1) The Licensee shall deliver alcoholic beverages to an event only when the Licensee supplies all the food for said event through the catering service for all guests and participants in the event.
  - (2) No Licensee shall sell, deal or traffic in alcoholic beverages, unless said alcohol is sold on a premises licensed to serve alcoholic beverages.
  - (3) The Licensee, its employees or agents, shall not act as a bartender or pour alcoholic beverages at the catering event.
- (j) **Video Surveillance Equipment.** Video surveillance equipment in licensed establishments shall be subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) The Village Board may impose video surveillance as a condition on a license if the nature of the license proposal or the character of the immediate area in which the establishment will be located clearly demonstrates that video surveillance is consistent with maintaining the health, safety and welfare of the community. Factors which would support imposing this condition would include but are not limited to: physical layout of the establishment, capacity, venue, history of the application operating

- previous licensed establishments, history of the applicant in operating previous licensed establishments, history of the establishment itself and character of the surrounding area of the establishment.
- (2) If a licensed establishment has video surveillance imposed as a license condition, the Village Board record shall clearly state the basis for imposing the condition.
  - (3) Any video surveillance license condition imposed by the Village Board or law enforcement authorities shall be limited to two (2) years after which time such condition may be reviewed at the request of the licensee.

### **Sec. 7-2-8 Investigation.**

The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall notify the Fire Inspector, Building Inspector, and, as appropriate, pertinent law enforcement agencies of each new application, and these officials shall inspect or cause to be inspected each application and the premises, together with such other investigation as shall be necessary to determine whether the applicant and the premises sought to be licensed comply with the regulations, ordinances and laws applicable thereto, including those governing sanitation in restaurants, and whether the applicant is a proper recipient of a license. These officials shall furnish to the Village Clerk-Treasurer in writing, who shall forward to the Village Board, the information derived from such investigation, accompanied by a recommendation as to whether a license should be granted or refused. No license shall be renewed without a re-inspection of the premises and report as originally required.

### **Sec. 7-2-9 Approval of Application.**

- (a) **Unpaid Taxes and Municipal Obligations.** No license shall be issued for operation on any premises or with any equipment for which taxes, assessments, forfeitures or other financial claims of the Village of Wheeler are delinquent and unpaid.
- (b) **Sanitary, Health and Safety Standards.** No license shall be issued unless the premises conform to the fire, sanitary, safety and health requirements of the State and Village Building Code, the regulations of the State Board of Health and local Board of Health applicable to restaurants, and State and Village Fire Codes. The premises must be properly lighted and ventilated, must be equipped with separate sanitary toilet and lavatory facilities equipped with running water for each sex and must conform to all Ordinances of the Village of Wheeler.
- (c) **Application Review Criteria.** Consideration for the granting or denial of a license will be based on, but not limited to:
  - (1) Arrest and conviction record of the applicant, subject to the limitations imposed by Secs. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Wis. Stats.;

- (2) The financial responsibility of the applicant;
  - (3) The appropriateness of the location and the premises where the licensed business is to be conducted; and
  - (4) Generally, the applicant's fitness for the trust to be reposed.
- (d) **Consideration of Past Offenses.** An application may be denied based upon the applicant's arrest and conviction record if the applicant has been convicted of a felony (unless duly pardoned) or if the applicant has habitually been a law offender. For purposes of this licensing procedure, "habitually been a law offender" is generally considered to be an arrest or conviction of at least two (2) offenses which are substantially related to the licensed activity within the five (5) years immediately preceding the license application. Because a license is a privilege, the issuance of which is a right granted solely to the Village Board, the Village Board reserves the right to consider the severity, and facts and circumstances of the offense when making the determination to grant, deny or not renew a license. Further, the Village Board, at its discretion, may, based upon an arrest or conviction record of two (2) or more offenses which are substantially related to the licensed activity within the five (5) years immediately preceding, act to suspend such license for a period of one (1) year or more.

## Sec. 7-2-10 Granting of License.

- (a) **Review.** Opportunity shall be given by the governing body to any person to be heard for or against the granting of any license. Upon the approval of the applicant by the Village Board, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall issue to the applicant a license, upon payment by the applicant of the license fee to the Village of Wheeler. The full license fee shall be charged for the whole or fraction of any year.
- (b) **Ceased Regular Operations.** An establishment is deemed to have ceased regular operations when any of the following occurs:
- (1) The alcohol beverage license is surrendered to the Village Clerk-Treasurer absent the issuance of a newly-granted license; or
  - (2) The establishment is no longer open to the public; or
  - (3) The establishment is open to the public only intermittently in an attempt to circumvent the provisions of this Subsection; or
  - (4) The establishment fails to maintain open and active accounts with its food and/or alcohol distributors; or
  - (5) The alcohol beverage license holder fails to submit a renewal application to the Village Clerk-Treasurer before the last possible submittal date; or
  - (6) An establishment is not deemed to have ceased regular operations if it is temporarily closed due to remodeling or any type of license suspension.
- (c) **Denial of License.** If the Village Board denies the license, the applicant shall be notified in writing, by registered mail or personal service, of the reasons for the denial. The notice

shall also inform the applicant of the opportunity to appear before the Village Board and to provide evidence as to why the denial should be reversed. In addition, the Village shall inform the applicant that the reconsideration of the application shall be held in closed session, pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(b), Wis. Stats., unless the applicant requests such reconsideration be held in open session and the Village Board consents to the request. Such written notice shall be mailed or served upon the applicant at least ten (10) days prior to the Village Board meeting at which the application is to be reconsidered.

### **Sec. 7-2-11 Transfer and Lapse of License.**

- (a) **Transfer of Licenses.** In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 125.04(12), Wis. Stats., a license shall be transferable from one premises to another if such transfer is first approved by the Village Board. An application for transfer shall be made on a form furnished by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Proceedings for such transfer shall be had in the same form and manner as the original application. The fee for such transfer is Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Whenever a license is transferred, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall forthwith notify the Wisconsin Department of Revenue of such transfer. In the event of the sale of a business or business premises of the Licensee, the purchaser of such business or business premises must apply to the Village for reissuance of said license and the Village of Wheeler, as the licensing authority, shall in no way be bound to reissue said license to said subsequent purchaser.
- (b) **Change in Corporate Agent.** Whenever the agent of a corporate holder of a license is for any reason replaced, the Licensee shall give Village Clerk-Treasurer written notice of said replacement, the reasons therefor and the new appointment. Until the next regular meeting or special meeting of the Village Board, the successor agent shall have the authority to perform the functions and be charged with the duties of the original agent. However, said license shall cease to be in effect upon receipt by the Village Clerk-Treasurer of notice of disapproval of the successor agent by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue or other law enforcement officers of the municipality in which the license was issued. The corporation's license shall not be in force after receipt of such notice or after a regular or special meeting of the Village Board until the successor agent or another qualified agent is appointed and approved by the Village of Wheeler.

### **Sec. 7-2-12 Numbering of License.**

All licenses shall be numbered in the order in which they are issued and shall state clearly the specific premises for which granted, the date of issuance, the fee paid and the name of the Licensee. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall affix to the license his/her affidavit as provided by Sec. 125.04(4), Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-2-13 Posting Licenses; Defacement.**

- (a) Every person licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall immediately post such license and keep the same posted while in force in a conspicuous place in the room or place where said beverages are drawn or removed for service or sale.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to post such license or to be permitted to post it upon premises other than those mentioned in the application or knowingly to deface or destroy such license.

### **Sec. 7-2-14 Conditions of License.**

All retail Class "A", Class "B", "Class A", "Class B" and "Class C" licenses granted hereunder shall be granted subject to the following conditions, and all other conditions of this Section, and subject to all other Ordinances and regulations of the Village of Wheeler applicable thereto.

- (a) **Consent to Entry.** Every applicant procuring a license thereby consents to the entry of law enforcement authorities or duly authorized representatives of the Village of Wheeler at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection and search, and consents to the removal from said premises of all things and articles there had in violation of Village ordinances or state laws, and consents to the introduction of such things and articles in evidence in any prosecution that may be brought for such offenses.
- (b) **Employment of Minors.** No retail "Class B" or Class "B" licenses shall employ any underage person, as defined in the Wisconsin Statutes, but this shall not apply to hotels and restaurants. Family members may work on the licensed premises but are not permitted to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages.
- (c) **Disorderly Conduct Prohibited.** Each licensed premises shall, at all times, be conducted in an orderly manner, and no disorderly, riotous or indecent conduct shall be allowed at any time on any licensed premises.
- (d) **Licensed Operator on Premises.** There shall be upon premises, and in visual control of such premises, operated under a "Class B", Class "B", or "Class C" license, at all times, the Licensee, members of the Licensee's immediate family who have attained the legal drinking age, and/or some person who shall have an operator's license and who shall be responsible for the acts of all persons serving as waiters, or in any other manner, any fermented malt beverages to customers. No person other than the Licensee shall serve fermented malt beverages in any place operated under a "Class B", Class "B", or "Class C" license unless he/she possesses an operator's license, or there is a person with an operator's license upon said premises at the time of such service.
- (e) **Health and Sanitation Regulations.** The rules and regulations of the State Board of Health governing sanitation in restaurants shall apply to all "Class B" liquor or "Class C" licenses issued under this Chapter. No "Class B" or "Class C" license shall be issued unless the premises to be licensed conform to such rules and regulations.



- (f) **Restrictions Near Schools and Churches.** No retail Class "A", Class "B", "Class A" or "Class B" license shall be issued for premises, the main entrance of which is less than three hundred (300) feet from the main entrance of any established public school, parochial school, hospital or church. Such distance shall be measured by the shortest route along the highway from the closest point of the maintenance entrance of such school, church or hospital to the main entrance to such premises. This Subsection shall not apply to premises licensed as such on June 30, 1947, nor shall it apply to any premises licensed as such prior to the occupation of real property within three hundred (300) feet thereof by any school building, hospital building or church building.
- (g) **Clubs.** No club shall sell or give away any intoxicating liquors except to bona fide members and guests invited by members.
- (h) **Gambling Prohibited.** Except as authorized by state law, no gambling or game of chance of any sort shall be permitted in any form upon any premises licensed under this Chapter or the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
- (i) **Credit Prohibited.** No retail Class "A", Class "B", "Class A", "Class B", or "Class C" liquor, wine, or fermented malt beverage Licensee shall sell or offer for sale any alcohol beverage to any person or persons by extending credit, except hotel credit extended to a resident guest or a club to a bona fide member. It shall be unlawful for such Licensee or permittee to sell alcohol beverages to any person on a passbook or store order or to receive from any person any goods, ware, merchandise or other articles in exchange for alcohol beverages.
- (j) **Licensee or Permittee Responsible for Acts of Help.** A violation of this Chapter by a duly authorized agent or employee of a Licensee or permittee under this Chapter shall constitute a violation by the Licensee or permittee. Whenever any Licensee or permittee under this Chapter shall violate any portion of this Chapter, proceedings for the suspension or revocation of the license or permit of the holder thereof may be instituted in the manner prescribed in this Chapter.
- (k) **Indoor Pyrotechnic Displays Prohibited.** No indoor pyrotechnic display or fireworks display of any kind is allowed in the licensed premises, nor any unlicensed property attached to the licensed premises.
- (l) **Dances in Licensed Establishments.** No person shall conduct or hold any dance, public or private, in any establishment possessing a Class B intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverage license without meeting the-following requirements:
- (1) A dance inspector, an adult employed by the establishment who may be a licensed operator, shall be stationed in such position so that the doors of the room in which the dance is being held can be observed at all times during the dance.
  - (2) The dance inspector/operator shall admit no minors to such dance on licensed premises unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- (m) **Timely Commencement of Business.** Timely commencement of business and continuation of business is an ongoing condition of an alcohol beverage license issued

under this Chapter. The Village Board may cancel or not renew any license granted if any of the following occurs:

- (1) The privileges granted under the license are not exercised within ninety (90) days after the granting of the license;
  - (2) The business for which the license was issued is discontinued; or the business was not opened for business for the purpose of the license for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days or more; or the business was only open intermittently for period of two (2) days or less during the ninety (90) day period.
- (n) **Open Container.** It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a license has been granted to permit any person to leave the licensed premises with an open container containing any alcohol beverages.
- (o) **Sell or Serve on Public Street.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or serve, or offer to sell or serve any alcoholic beverages upon any public street within the Village of Wheeler except in areas holding a sidewalk cafe permit pursuant to Section 7-2-22.

*Annotation:* See *Colonnade Catering Corp. v. United States*, 397 U.S. 72, 90 S. Ct. 774 (1970); and *State v. Erickson*, 101 Wis. 2d 224 (1981), for guidelines for warrantless searches of licensed premises.

## Sec. 7-2-15 Closing Hours.

Closing hours shall be established in conformance with Sec. 125.32(3), Wis. Stats., and further restricted as follows:

- (a) **Class "B" Licenses.**
- (1) No premises for which a retail "Class B" liquor, Class "B" fermented malt beverage, or "Class C" wine license has been issued shall be permitted to remain open for the sale of liquor or fermented malt beverages or for any other purpose between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday. There shall be no closing hours on January 1st.
  - (2) Hotels and restaurants, the principal business of which is the furnishing of food or lodging to patrons, bowling alleys, indoor horseshoe-pitching facilities, curling clubs, golf courses and golf clubhouses may remain open for the conduct of their regular business but shall not sell liquor or malt beverages during the closing hours of Subsection (a)(1) above.
  - (3) No person may serve wine after 9:00 p.m. on premises licensed by a Temporary "Class B" wine license issued as provided in Section 125.51(10)b and Section 7-2-4(h) of this Code of Ordinances.
- (b) **Carryout Hours.** Between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., no person may sell, remove, carry out or permit to be removed or carried out from any premises having a "Class A" or Class "A"



license, intoxicating liquor in original unopened packages, containers or bottles or for consumption away from the premises. On "Class B" intoxicating liquor, Class "B" fermented malt beverage or Class "A" fermented malt beverage licensed premises, carryout shall be prohibited between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

## **Sec. 7-2-16 Restrictions on Temporary Fermented Malt Beverage or Wine Licenses.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or organization on a temporary basis to sell or offer to sell any alcohol beverage upon any Village-owned property or privately-owned property within the Village of Wheeler, except through the issuance of a Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License or Temporary "Class B" Wine License issued by the Village Board in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes and as set forth in this Section. A Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License or Temporary "Class B" Wine License authorizing the sale and consumption of beer and/or wine on Village-owned property or privately-owned property may be authorized by the Village Board provided the following requirements are met:

- (a) **Compliance with Eligibility Standards.** The organization shall meet the eligibility requirements of a bona fide club, association, lodge or society as set forth in Sec. 125.26(6), Wis. Stats., and shall fully comply with the requirements of this Section and Section 11-4-1. Members of an organization which is issued a temporary license and who are issued operator's licenses for the event may be required to attend a pre-event informational meeting to learn what rules and regulations apply and what the responsibilities of the bartenders and organization will be.
- (b) **Posting of Signs and Licenses.** All organizations issued a temporary license shall post in a conspicuous location at the main point of sale and at all remote points of sale a sufficient number of signs stating that no fermented malt beverage shall be served to any under-age person and that proper identification may be required.
- (c) **Fencing.**
  - (1) If necessary due to the physical characteristics of the site, the Village Board may require that organizations install a double fence around the main point of sale to control ingress and egress and continually station a licensed operator, security guard or other competent person at the entrance for the purpose of checking age identification. Where possible, there shall be only one (1) point of ingress and egress. When required, the double fence shall be a minimum of four (4) feet high and a minimum of six (6) feet between fences.
  - (2) For indoor events, the structure used shall have suitable exits and open spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance. It should contain adequate sanitary facilities to accommodate the size of the group.
- (d) **Underage Persons Prohibited.** Except as provided in Section 7-2-4(h)(2)e regarding temporary wine licenses, no underage persons as defined by the Wisconsin Statutes shall

be allowed to assist in the sale of fermented malt beverages or wine at any point of sale, nor shall they be allowed to enter or linger in the area of any point of sale.

- (e) **Licensed Operators Requirement.** A licensed operator shall be stationed at all points of sales at all times.
- (f) **Waiver.** The Village Board may waive or modify the requirements of this Section due to the physical characteristics of the licensed site.
- (g) **Insurance.** The applicant for a temporary fermented malt beverage or wine license may be required to indemnify, defend and hold the Village and its employees and agents harmless against all claims, death of any person or any damage to property caused by or resulting from the activities for which the permit is granted. As evidence of the applicant's ability to perform the conditions of the license, the applicant may be required to furnish a Certificate of Comprehensive General Liability insurance with the Village of Wheeler. The applicant may be required to furnish a performance bond prior to being granted the license.

*Cross Reference:* Section 11-4-1.

## **Sec. 7-2-17 Revocation and Suspension of Licenses; Non-Renewal.**

- (a) **Procedure.** Whenever the holder of any license under this Chapter violates any portion of this Chapter or Title 11, Chapter 4, of this Code of Ordinances, proceedings for the revocation of such license may be instituted in the manner and under the procedure established by this Section.
- (b) **Abandonment of Premises.** Any Licensee holding a license to sell alcohol beverages who abandons such business shall forfeit any right or preference he may have to the holding of or renewal of such license. Abandonment shall be sufficient grounds for revocation of any alcohol beverage license. The losing of the licensed premises for at least six (6) months shall be prima facie evidence of the abandonment, unless extended by the Village Board. All persons issued a license to sell alcohol beverages in the Village of Wheeler for which a quota exists limiting the number of such licenses that may be issued by the Village shall cause such business described in such license to be operated on the premises described in such license for at least one hundred fifty (150) days during the terms of such license, unless such license is issued for a term of less than one hundred eighty (180) days, in which event this Subsection shall not apply.
- (c) **License Revocation or Suspension.** License revocation or suspension procedures shall be as prescribed by Chapter 125, Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Point Values for Alcohol Beverages Violation, Revocations and Suspensions.**
  - (1) **Purpose and Definitions.** The purpose of this Subsection is to administratively interpret those portions of this Chapter, and related Code of Ordinances provisions,

regarding the establishment of an alcohol beverage demerit point system to assist in determining which license holders should be subject to suspension or revocation procedures.

- (2) **Point Schedule.** The scale of demerit points is listed according to the type of alcohol beverage violation. This demerit point system is used to identify habitually troublesome license holders who have repeatedly violated state statutes and Village of Wheeler Ordinances for the purpose of recommending suspension or revocation of their alcohol beverage licenses.

Type of Violation	Point Value
1. Sale of alcohol beverages without license or permit; sale of a controlled substance on licensed premises	100
2. Consumption of alcohol beverages after closing hours on licensed premises by licensee, bartender or employee	100
3. Possession or use of a controlled substance on licensed premises by licensee, bartender or employee	100
4. Use of a controlled substance on licensed premises by a patron	50
5. After houses consumption of alcohol beverages by a patron	50
6. Sale of alcohol beverages to underage person	50
7. Sale of alcohol beverages to intoxicated person	50
8. Underage person on premises	50
9. Intoxicated bartender; disorderly conduct on premises	50



10. Refusal to allow police to search premises or refusal to cooperate with lawful police investigation	50
11. Licensee, agent or operator not on premises at all times	25
12. Persons on premises after closing hours; disorderly conduct; smoking activity violating state/local law	25
13. Violations of carry-out hours	25
14. Licensee permitting person to leave licensed premises with open alcohol beverage	25
15. All other violations of this Chapter	25

- (3) **Violations How Calculated.** In determining the accumulated demerit points against a licensee within a twelve (12) month period, the Village of Wheeler shall use the date each violation was committed as the basis for the determination.
- (4) **Suspension or Revocation of License.**
- a. The Village Board may call before it for purposes of revocation or suspension hearing all licensees who have accumulated two hundred (200) points in a twelve (12) month period as a result of court imposed convictions.
  - b. If the demerit point accumulation calculated from the date of violation amounts to two hundred (200) points in a twelve (12) month period, a suspension of thirty (30) days shall be imposed. If the demerit point accumulation is two hundred fifty (250) points (calculated from the date of violation) in a twenty-four (24) month period, a suspension of sixty (60) days shall be imposed. If the demerit point accumulation in a thirty-six (36) month period is three hundred (300) points, the suspension shall be for the maximum allowed by law, which is ninety (90) days. If the license is revoked no other license shall be granted to such licensee or for such premises for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of revocation.
  - c. The procedure to be used for suspension or revocation shall be that found in Subsection (c) above.

## **Sec. 7-2-18 Non-Alcohol Events for Underage Persons on Licensed Premises.**

The presence of underage persons on a licensed premises as provided under Sec. 125.07(3)(a)10, Wis. Stats., shall be subject to the following:

- (a) **Notice of Event.** The Licensee or agent of a corporate Licensee shall notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the date of any event at which underage persons will be present on the licensed premises. Each such non-alcohol event notice shall specify the date(s) on which the event is to occur and the time(s) of commencement. All notices shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer during normal business hours. The Clerk-Treasurer will notify law enforcement authorities of the event. After a non-alcohol event notice has been given, the Licensee may cancel an event(s) only by giving like notice to the Village in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection. Regardless of the date given, all notices shall expire and be deemed cancelled no later than the date of expiration or revocation of the applicable retail Class "B", "Class B" or "Class C" license.
- (b) **Posting of Notice.** During the period of any non-alcohol event a notice card prescribed by the Village shall be posted at all public entrances to the licensed premises notifying the general public that no alcohol beverages may be consumed, sold or given away on or carried into the licensed premises during the event. Such notice cards shall be made available by the Village to a requesting Licensee.
- (c) **Non-Alcohol Status to Be Maintained.** Once a non-alcohol event has commenced, no alcohol beverages may be consumed, sold or given away on or carried into the licensed premises until the next day following the closing hours of the licensed premises.
- (d) **Alcohol Beverages to Be Secured.** During the period of any non-alcohol event all alcohol beverages shall be stored in a locked portion of the licensed premises in a secure place out of the sight and physical reach of any patron present and shall be under the direct and immediate control and supervision of the Licensee or a licensed bartender in the employ of the Licensee. All beer taps and automatic dispensers of alcohol beverages ("speed guns") shall be either disconnected, disabled or made inoperable.

## **Sec. 7-2-19 Permits Required for Outdoor Sports and Beer/Beverage Gardens Activities.**

- (a) **Purpose.** The Village Board finds that restrictions are necessary for outdoor beer/beverage gardens and sports activities at premises holding "Class B" and Class "B" liquor and fermented malt beverages or "Class C" wine licenses in the Village of Wheeler due to concerns arising from noise, density and related problems. This Section enacted pursuant to police power provides a framework for issuance of permits and regulatory controls for such outdoor sports and beer/beverage garden activities.

(b) **Village Board Approval Required.**

(1) **Generally.** No Licensee shall conduct or sponsor any outdoor sports activity or event or beer/beverage garden on property forming any part of the real property on which the licensed premises exist without the prior approval of the Village Board and issuance of a permit pursuant to this Section.

(2) **Permit Required for Beer/Beverage Garden or Outdoor Sports Activity Area Outdoor Consumption.**

a. No Licensee shall permit the consumption of alcohol beverages on any part of the licensed premises not enclosed within the building, except under a beer/beverage garden permit or outside sports activity permit granted by the Village Board. The permits are a privilege in which no rights vest and, therefore, may be revoked by the Village Board at its pleasure at any time or shall otherwise expire on June 30 of each year.

b. No person shall consume or have in his or her possession alcohol beverages on any unenclosed part of a licensed premises which is not described in a valid beer/beverage garden permit or outdoor sports activity permit.

c. The Village Board may also issue limited duration beer/ beverage garden or outdoor sports activities permits for specified times for special events to be conducted on outdoor areas at licensed areas.

(c) **Permit Application.** If a Licensee shall conduct or sponsor any outdoor sports activity or event or beer/beverage garden on the Licensee's property, the Licensee shall file an application with the Village Clerk-Treasurer setting forth the following information:

- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons who will be responsible for the actual conduct of the activity or event;
- (2) The date and duration of time for the proposed activity or event;
- (3) An accurate description of that portion of the Licensee's property proposed to be used;
- (4) A good faith estimate of the number of users, participants and spectators for the beer/beverage garden or proposed activity or event; and
- (5) The Licensee's plan for maintaining the cleanliness of the licensed area.

(d) **Time for Filing.** The Licensee shall file the application not less than fifteen (15) days before the date of the proposed activity or event. The Village Board may waive the fifteen (15) day time limit upon a Licensee's showing of exigent circumstances. The application shall be accompanied by payment of a fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 for review of the application. The applicant may request that an annual permit be issued for the beer/beverage garden or outdoor sports activities. Annual permits shall be renewed at the same time the license is renewed.

(e) **Review.** The Village Board shall review the applications in light of the standards of this Section. If the nature of the property or the event requires the imposition of additional regulations, the Village Board may impose these regulations upon an express finding detailing the reasons for additional regulation. All property owners within one hundred

fifty (150) feet of the proposed beer/beverage garden or outside sports facility shall be notified of the pendency of application for a permit by first class mail.

- (f) **Standards for Permit Issuance for Outdoor Sports Activities at Licensed Establishments.** The following standards shall apply to any outdoor sports activity regulated under this Section:

- (1) The outdoor sale of alcohol beverages (bar setup) in the outdoor sports activity area is not permitted unless approved by the Village Board for each special outdoor sports activity event. Approval of an application shall not act to permit outdoor consumption of alcohol beverages on the property beyond the area specifically authorized by permit pursuant to this Section. A licensed operator shall be responsible for policing the outdoor sports activity at all times during which it is open for operation.
- (2) If the estimated number of participants and spectators shall bring the number of persons on the property above the number for which licensed premises' restroom facilities are rated adequate, the Licensee shall provide a number of portable temporary restrooms sufficient to serve the estimated number of persons.
- (3) The Village Board shall not grant approval to any applicant whose property on which the activity or event is proposed is adjacent to any property zoned residential or on which a residential use exists as a nonconforming use, or within fifty (50) feet of any property zoned residential or on which a residential use exists as a nonconforming use. Fencing may be required by the Village Board as a condition of permit issuance.
- (4) The Licensee shall provide parking adequate for the proposed activity or event, whether on-site or through agreements with property owners shown to the Village Board's satisfaction to permit the Licensee's property to be used for parking for the proposed activity or event.
- (5) The applicant shall show the Village Board plans adequate to provide reasonable access to participants and spectators for the event, and to limit access for all other persons.
- (6) The Licensee shall clean up all garbage and debris relating to the activity or event at least once per twenty-four (24) hours during the activity or event.
- (7) The Licensee shall not permit the noise level of the sports activity or event to exceed seventy-five (75) dB, measured at any border of the Licensee's real property. Amplified music or sound is not permitted.
- (8) As a condition of approval, the Village Board shall approve the type of outdoor lighting to be used.
- (9) Outdoor volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, or other athletic areas licensed as premises shall cease operation after 11:00 p.m. of each day in such outdoor areas. In addition, no amplified sound shall be permitted in the outdoor premises after 11:00 p.m.

- (g) **Standards on Issuance of Beer/Beverage Garden Permits.**

- (1) The outdoor sale of alcohol beverages (bar setup) in the beer/beverage garden is not permitted unless approved by the Village Board for each special event. Approval of



the application shall not act to permit outdoor consumption of alcohol beverages on the property beyond the area specifically authorized by permit pursuant to this Section.

- (2) No permit shall be issued for a beer/beverage garden if any part of the beer/beverage garden is within fifty (50) feet of a structure used for residential purposes, except residential uses located in the same structure as the licensed premises or located on a commercially-zoned parcel. This requirement may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Village Board if unique site characteristics exist.
  - (3) No permit shall be issued for a beer/beverage garden if the beer/beverage garden area is greater than fifty percent (50%) of the gross floor area of the adjoining interior/enclosed licensed premises.
  - (4) Each applicant for a beer/beverage garden permit shall accurately describe the area intended for use as a beer/beverage garden and shall indicate the nature of fencing or other measures intended to provide control over the operation of the beer/beverage garden.
  - (5) Unless exceptional circumstances exist, as determined by the Village Board, beer/beverage gardens shall be at ground level. Unless a special waiver is granted by the Village Board, no beer/beverage garden shall be located closer than five (5) feet to a public right-of-way.
  - (6) No amplified sound or music is permitted outside the enclosed (building) premises, without a special event permit granted by the Village Board with hours to be set. Amplified sound or music is not permitted in the beer/beverage garden. As a condition of approval, the Village Board shall approve the type of outdoor lighting to be used.
  - (7) A licensed operator shall be responsible for policing the beer/beverage garden at all times during which the beer/beverage garden is in operation.
  - (8) Use of the beer/beverage garden is prohibited after 11:00 p.m., at which time all access shall be secured.
- (h) **Fencing.**
- (1) A Class "B" fermented malt beverage and/or intoxicating liquor or "Class C" wine license holder whose premises are expanded to front, rear and/or side yard outdoor areas such as patios, volleyball pits, outdoor sports areas, beer/beverage gardens and the like may be required to install fencing around the perimeter of the outside premises. Such fencing may consist of Village Board-approved wire mesh, solid vegetation, wood, plastic, or other similar material or a wall which will provide for an enclosed area on the outside of the licensed premises. Such barrier shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in height. The Village Board may modify or waive these fencing/screening requirement when a front yard use is proposed.
  - (2) Prior to installation of such fencing, screening or wall, a diagram of the proposed barrier shall be submitted to the Village to ensure that the proposed barrier will

adequately protect neighbors, limit noise, and prevent or limit access by underage individuals, while still providing sufficient visibility to law enforcement and other authorities to ensure the premises is complying with alcohol beverage and other requirements.

- (3) That in lieu of the fencing or barrier required above, the Village may authorize the use of security personnel to patrol such outdoor premises on a full time basis during such times that the outdoor premises are open for business.
  - (4) Access to the outdoor beer/beverage garden or sports activity area shall *only* be through the main entrance to the Class "B" intoxicating liquor, Class "B" fermented malt beverage, and "Class C" wine licensed premises.
- (i) **State Statutes Enforced Within Beer/Beverage Gardens.** Every Licensee under this Section shall comply with and enforce all provisions of Chapter 125, Wis. Stats., applicable to Class "B" licensed premises, except insofar as such provisions are clearly inapplicable. Violation of the provisions of Chapter 125, Wis. Stats., shall be grounds for immediate revocation of the outdoor sports activity permit or beer/beverage garden permit by the Village Board.
- U) **Authority to Suspend Outdoor Alcoholic Beverages Permit.** Law enforcement officers shall have the authority to order any outdoor area regulated under this Section to be closed down at any time an Officer believes its continued operation is in violation of this Section, any other applicable Village ordinance, or provisions of Ch. 125, Wis. Stats.
- (k) **Violations.** Failure of the Licensee to comply with any of the provisions of this Section shall be grounds for suspension, nonrenewal or revocation of the Licensee's alcohol beverage license or licenses and/or Licensee under this Section.

## **Sec. 7-2-20     Nude Dancing in Licensed Establishments Prohibited.**

- (a) **Authority.**
- (1) The Village Board of the Village of Wheeler has explicit authority under Sec. 125.10(1), Wis. Stats., to adopt regulations governing the sale of alcohol beverages which are in addition to those set forth in Ch. 125, Wis. Stats.; and
  - (2) The Village Board has authority under its general police powers set forth in Ch. 62, Wis. Stats., to act for the good order of the municipality and for the health, safety and welfare of the public; and may carry out its powers by regulation and suppression; and
  - (3) The Village Board recognizes it lacks authority to regulate obscenity and does not intend by adopting this Section to regulate obscenity, since nudity in and of itself is not obscene, it declares its intent to enact an ordinance addressing the secondary effects of live, totally nude, non-obscene, erotic dancing in bars and taverns; and
  - (4) Bars and taverns featuring live totally nude, non-obscene, erotic dancing have in other communities tended to further the increase of criminal and other offensive activity,

- to disrupt the peace and order of the communities, to depreciate the value of real property, to harm the economic welfare of the communities and to negatively affect the quality of life of the communities; and such secondary effects are detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare of citizens; and
- (5) The Village Board recognizes the U.S. Supreme Court has held that nude dancing is expressive conduct within the outer perimeters of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and therefore entitled to some limited protection under the First Amendment, and the governing body further recognizes that freedom of speech is among our most precious and highly protected rights, and wishes to act consistently with full protection of those rights; and
  - (6) However, the Village Board is aware, based on the experiences of other communities, that bars and taverns in which live, totally nude, non-obscene, erotic dancing occurs may and do generate secondary effects which the governing body believes are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Wheeler; and
  - (7) Among these secondary effects are:
    - a. The potential increase in prostitution and other sex-related offenses, as well as other crimes and offenses;
    - b. The potential depreciation of property values in neighborhoods where bars and taverns featuring nude dancing exist;
    - c. Health risks associated with the spread of sexually transmitted diseases; and
    - d. The potential for infiltration by organized crime for the purpose of unlawful conduct.
  - (8) The Village Board desires to minimize, prevent and control these adverse effects and thereby protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Village of Wheeler; protect the citizens from increased crime; preserve the quality of life; preserve the property values and character of surrounding neighborhoods; and deter the spread of urban blight; and
  - (9) The Village Board has determined that enactment of an ordinance prohibiting live, totally nude, non-obscene, erotic dancing in bars and taverns licensed to serve alcohol beverages promotes the goal of minimizing, preventing and controlling the negative secondary effects associated with such activity.
- (b) **Nude Dancing in Licensed Establishments Prohibited.** It is unlawful for any person to perform or engage in, or for any licensee or manager or agent of the licensee to permit any person, employee, entertainer or patron to perform or engage in any live act, demonstration, dance or exhibition on the premises of a licensed establishment which:
- (1) Shows his/her genitals, pubic area, vulva, anus, anal cleft or cleavage with less than a fully opaque covering; or
  - (2) Shows any portion of the female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; or
  - (3) Shows the covered male genitals in a discernably turgid state.

- (c) **Exemptions.** The provisions of this Section does not apply to the following licensed establishments; theaters, performing arts centers, civic centers, and dinner theaters where live dance, ballet, music and dramatic performances of serious artistic merit are offered on a regular basis and in which the predominant business or attraction is not the offering to customers of entertainment which is intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to such customers and where the establishment is not distinguished by an emphasis on, or the advertising or promotion of, employees engaging in nude erotic dancing.
- (d) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the term "licensed establishment" means any establishment licensed by the Village Board of the Village of Wheeler to sell alcohol beverages pursuant to Ch. 125, Wis. Stats. The term "licensee" means the holder of a retail "Class A", "Class B", Class "B", Class "A", or "Class C" licensee granted by the Village Board of the Village of Wheeler pursuant to Ch. 125, Wis. Stats.
- (e) **Penalties.** Any person, partnership or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section **1-1-6**. A separate offense and violation shall be deemed committed on each day on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition, violation of this Section constitutes sufficient grounds for suspending, revoking or non-renewing an alcohol beverage license under Sec. 125.12, Wis. Stats.

**Sec. 7-2-21 through Sec. 7-2-29      Reserved for Future Use.**



## **Article B: Operator's License**

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### **Sec. 7-2-30 Operator's License Required.**

- (a) **Operator's Licenses; Class "A", Class "B" or "Class C" Premises.** Except as provided under Sec. 125.32(3)(b) and Sec. 125.07(3)(a)IO, Wis. Stats., no premises operated under a Class "A", Class "B", or "Class C" license or permit may be open for business unless there is upon the premises the Licensee or permittee, the agent named in the license or permit if the Licensee or permittee is a corporation, or some person who has an operator's license and who is responsible for the acts of all persons serving any fermented malt beverages to customers. An operator's license issued in respect to a vessel under Sec. 125.27(2), Wis. Stats., is valid outside the municipality that issues it. For the purpose of this Section, any person holding a manager's license under Sec. 125.18, Wis. Stats., or any member of the Licensee's or permittee's immediate family who has attained the age of eighteen (18), shall be considered the holder of an operator's license. No person, including a member of the Licensee's or permittee's immediate family, other than the Licensee, permittee or agent, may serve fermented malt beverages in any place operated under a Class "A", Class "B", or "Class C" license or permit unless he or she has an operator's license or is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is under the immediate supervision of the Licensee, permittee, agent or a person holding an operator's license, who is on the premises at the time of the service.
- (b) **Use by Another Prohibited.**
- (1) No person may allow another to use his or her Class "A" or Class "B" license or permit to sell alcohol beverages.
  - (2) The license or permit of a person who violates Subsection (b)(1) above shall be revoked.

*State Law Reference:* Sections 125.17 and 125.32, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-2-31 Procedure Upon Application.**

- (a) The Village Board may issue an operator's license, which license shall be granted only upon application in writing on forms to be obtained from the Village Clerk-Treasurer only to persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. Operator's licenses shall be operative only within the limits of the Village of Wheeler.
- (b) All applications are subject to an investigation by law enforcement authorities and/or other appropriate authority to determine whether the applicant and/or premises to be licensed complies with all regulations, ordinances and laws applicable thereto. The investigating authority shall conduct an investigation of the applicant including, but not limited to, requesting information from the State, surrounding municipalities, and/or any community



where the applicant has previously resided concerning the applicant's arrest and conviction record. Based upon such investigation, the law enforcement authorities or other investigating authority, shall recommend, in writing, to the Village Board approval or denial of the application. If the law enforcement authorities or other investigating authority recommends denial, the investigating authority shall provide, in writing, the reasons for such recommendation.

### **Sec. 7-2-32 Duration.**

Licenses issued under the provisions of this Chapter shall be valid for a period of one (1) year and shall expire on the thirtieth (30th) day of June.

### **Sec. 7-2-33 Operator's License Fee; Provisional or Temporary Licenses.**

- (a) **Fee.** The fee for a one (1) year operator's license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. The non-refundable fee for a provisional license or temporary operator's license shall be as prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
- (b) **Provisional License.**
  - (1) The Village Clerk-Treasurer may issue provisional operator's licenses in accordance with Sec. 125.17(5), Wis. Stats. The provisional operator's license shall expire sixty (60) days after its issuance or when an operator's license is issued to the holder, whichever is sooner.
  - (2) Pertinent law enforcement agencies shall, upon request, submit to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a report regarding the applicant's conviction history, if any.
  - (3) The applicant for such provisional license must present evidence to the Village Clerk-Treasurer establishing that the applicant is enrolled in an Alcohol Awareness Training Program established pursuant to Sec. 125.17(a), Wis. Stats.
  - (4) The Village Clerk-Treasurer may, upon receiving an application for a temporary provisional license, issue such a license without requiring the successful completion of the approved program as described herein. However, such temporary license shall be used only for the purpose of allowing such applicant the privilege of being licensed as a beverage operator pending his/her successful completion of the approved program, and the applicant shall also apply for a regular operator's license. No such Provisional Operators License shall be issued prior to a waiting period of less than ninety-six (96) hours [four (4) days], and the completion of a background check subject to limitations established by law.
  - (5) A provisional license may not be issued to any person who has been denied an operator's license by the Village Board, who has had his/her operator's license revoked



- or suspended within the preceding twelve (12) months, or who previously held an operator's license and who failed to complete the Alcohol Awareness Training Program without first successfully completing the program.
- (6) No person shall be issued more than three (3) provisional licenses in any twelve (12) month period.
  - (7) The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall provide an appropriate application form to be completed in full by the applicant.
  - (8) The Village Clerk-Treasurer may revoke the provisional license issued if he/she discovers that the holder of the license made a false statement on the application.
  - (9) A provisional license shall not be renewed.
- (c) **Temporary License.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer may issue a temporary operator's license provided that:
- (1) The temporary operator's license may be issued only to operators employed by, or donating their services temporarily to, nonprofit corporations.
  - (2) No person may hold more than two (2) temporary operator's licenses per year.
  - (3) The temporary operator's license is valid for any period from one (1) day to fourteen (14) days, and the period for which it is valid shall be stated on the license.

## Sec. 7-2-34 Issuance or Denial of Operator's Licenses.

- (a) **Post-Approval License Issuance.** After the Village Board approves the granting of an operator's license, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall issue the license. Such licenses shall be issued and numbered in the order they are granted and shall give the applicant's name and address and the date of the expiration of such license.
- (b) **Denial Notice; Reconsideration.**
  - (1) If the application is denied by the Village Board, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall, in writing, inform the applicant of the denial, the reasons therefore, and of the opportunity to request a reconsideration of the application by the Village Board in a closed session. Such notice must be sent by registered mail to, or served upon, the applicant at least ten (10) days prior to the Village Board's reconsideration of the matter. At such reconsideration hearing, the applicant may present evidence and testimony as to why the license should be granted.
  - (2) If, upon reconsideration, the Village Board again denies the application, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons therefore. An applicant who is denied any license upon reconsideration of the matter, may apply to Circuit Court pursuant to Sec. 125.12(2)(d), Wis. Stats., for review.
- (c) **Licensing Criteria.**
  - (1) Consideration for the granting or denial of a license will be based on:
    - a. Arrest and conviction record of the applicant, subject to the limitations imposed by Sections 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Wis. Stats.;

- b. The financial responsibility of the applicant;
  - c. The appropriateness of the location and the premises where the licensed operator's work is to be conducted; and
  - d. Generally, the applicant's fitness for the trust to be reposed.
- (2) If a Licensee is convicted of an offense substantially related to the licensed activity, the Village Board may act to revoke or suspend the license.
- (d) **Consideration of Past Offenses.** An application may be denied based upon the applicant's arrest and conviction record if the applicant has been convicted of a felony (unless duly pardoned) or if the applicant has habitually been a law offender. For purposes of this licensing procedure, "habitually been a law offender" is generally considered to be an arrest or conviction of at least two (2) offenses which are substantially related to the licensed activity within the five (5) years immediately preceding the license application. Because a license is a privilege, the issuance of which is a right granted solely to the Village Board, the Village Board reserves the right to consider the severity, and facts and circumstances of the offense when making the determination to grant, deny or not renew a license. Further, the Village Board, at its discretion, may, based upon an arrest or conviction record of two (2) or more offenses which are substantially related to the licensed activity within the five (5) years immediately preceding, act to suspend such license for a period of one (1) year or more.

## Sec. 7-2-35 Training Course.

- (a) **Responsible Beverage Server Training Course Requirement.** Except as provided in Subsection (b) below, the Village Board may not issue an operator's license unless the applicant has successfully completed a responsible beverage server training course at any location that is offered by a vocational, technical and adult education district and that conforms to curriculum guidelines specified by the board of vocational, technical and adult education or a comparable training course that is approved by the educational approval board or unless the applicant fulfills one of the following requirements:
- (1) The person is renewing an operator's license.
  - (2) Within the past two (2) years, the person held a Class "A", Class "B", "Class A", "Class B", or "Class C" license or permit or a manager's or operator's license.
  - (3) Within the past two (2) years, the person has completed such a training course.
- (b) **Provisional License Issuance Upon Course Enrollment.** The Village Board may issue a provisional operator's license to a person who is enrolled in a training course under Subsection (a) above and shall revoke that license if the applicant fails successfully to complete the course in which he or she enrolls.
- (c) **Additional Training Materials.** The Village Board may not require that applicants for operators' licenses undergo training in addition to that under Subsection (a), but may require

applicants to purchase, at cost, materials that deal with relevant local subjects not covered in the course under Subsection (a).

### **Sec. 7-2-36 Display of License.**

Each license issued under the provisions of this Chapter shall be posted on the premises whenever the operator dispenses beverages or be in his/her possession, or carry a license card.

### **Sec. 7-2-37 Revocation of Operator's License.**

Violation of any of the terms or provisions of the State law or of this Chapter relating to operator's licenses by any person holding such operator's license shall be cause for revocation of the license.

### **Sec. 7-2-38 through Sec. 7-2-39 Reserved for Future Use.**



## **Article C: Penalties**

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### **Sec. 7-2-40 Penalties.**

- (a) Forfeitures for violations of Sections 125.07(1)-(5) and 125.09(2), Wis. Stats., adopted by reference in Section 7-2-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Wheeler, shall conform to the forfeiture penalty permitted to be imposed for violations of the comparable State Statute, including any variations or increases for subsequent offenses.
- (b) Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Wheeler, except as otherwise provided in Subsection (a) herein or who shall conduct any activity or make any sale for which a license is required without a license, shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in the general penalty section of this Code of the Village of Wheeler.
- (c) Nothing herein shall preclude or affect the power of the sentencing court to exercise additional authorities granted by the Wisconsin Statutes.



## Title 7 ► Chapter 3

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# Cigarette Licenses

7-3-1 Cigarette Licenses

### Sec. 7-3-1 Cigarette Licenses.

- (a) **License Required.** No person, firm or corporation in the Village of Wheeler shall, in any manner, directly or indirectly, upon any premises, or by any device, sell, exchange, barter, dispose of or give away, or keep for sale, any cigarette, cigarette paper or cigarette wrappers, or any substitute therefor, without first obtaining a license as hereinafter provided.
- (b) **Application for License; Fee.** Every person, firm or corporation desiring a license under this Section shall file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer a written application therefor, stating the name of the person and the place for which such license is desired. Each license shall be filed by the Village Clerk-Treasurer and shall name the licensee and the place wherein he/she is authorized to conduct such business, and the same shall not be delivered until the applicant shall pay to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a license fee per Section 1-3-1.
- (c) **Issuance and Term of License.** Licenses for the sale, exchange, barter, disposition of, or giving away or keeping for sale of cigarette paper or cigarette wrappers or any substitute therefor shall be issued by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Each license shall be issued on the first day of July in each year, or thereafter whenever applied for, and shall continue in force from date of issuance until the succeeding June 30th unless sooner revoked for any violation of this Section.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 134.65, Wis. Stats.





## Title 7 ► Chapter 4

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# Transient Merchants

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### Sec. 7-4-1 Registration Required.

It shall be unlawful for any transient merchant to engage in direct sales within the Village of Wheeler without being registered for that purpose as provided herein.

### Sec. 7-4-2 Definitions.

In this Chapter the following definitions shall be applicable:

- (a) **Transient Merchant.** Any individual who engages in the retail sale of merchandise at any place in this state temporarily, and who does not intend to become and does not become a permanent merchant of such place. The term shall include, but not be limited to, peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants. The sale of goods includes donations required by the transient merchant for the retention of goods by a donor or prospective customer. For purposes of this Section, sale of merchandise includes a sale in which the personal services rendered upon or in connection with the merchandise constitutes the greatest part of value for the price received, but does not include a farm auction sale conducted by or for a resident farmer of personal property used on the farm, or the sale of produce or other perishable products at retail or wholesale by a resident of this state.
- (b) **Permanent Merchant.** Any person who, for at least one (1) year prior to the consideration of the application of this Chapter to said merchant:
  - (1) Has continuously operated an established place of business in the Village; or
  - (2) Has continuously resided in the Village and now does business from his/her residence.

- (c) **Merchandise.** Shall include personal property of any kind, and shall include merchandise, goods, or materials provided incidental to services offered or sold. The sale of merchandise includes donations required by the seller for the retention of merchandise by a donor or prospective customer.
- (d) **Charitable Organization.** Shall include any benevolent, philanthropic, religious, patriotic or eleemosynary person, partnership, association or corporation, or one purporting to be such, including, for example, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs and school organizations.
- (e) **Clerk-Treasurer.** The Village of Wheeler Clerk-Treasurer or Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.
- (f) **Person.** All humans of any age or sex, partnerships, corporations, associations, groups, organizations and any other description of a collection of human beings working in concert or for the same purpose or objective.

### Sec. 7-4-3 Exemptions.

The following shall be exempt from all provisions of this Chapter:

- (a) **Regular Delivery Routes.** Any person delivering newspapers, fuel, dairy products or bakery goods to regular customers on established routes.
- (b) **Wholesalers.** Any person selling merchandise at wholesale to dealers in such merchandise.
- (c) **Agricultural Products.** Any person selling Wisconsin agricultural products which the person has grown.
- (d) **Deliveries by Permanent Merchants.** Any permanent merchant or employee thereof who takes orders at the home of the buyer for merchandise regularly offered for sale by such merchant within this county and who delivers such merchandise in their regular course of business.
- (e) **Requested Home Visits.** Any person who has an established place of business where the merchandise being sold or is offered for sale on a regular basis, and in which the buyer has initiated contact with, and specifically requested, a home visit by, said person.
- (f) **Prior Sales Transactions.** Any person who has had, or one who represents a company which has had, a prior business transaction, such as a prior sale or credit arrangement, with the prospective customer.
- (g) **Services Not Offering Merchandise.** Any person selling or offering for sale a service unconnected with the sale or offering for sale of merchandise.
- (h) **Auctions; Sales Authorized by Statute.** Any person holding a sale required by statute or by order of any court and any person conducting a bona fide auction sale pursuant to law.
- (i) **Charitable Organizations; Limited Exemptions.** Any employee, officer or agent of a charitable organization who engages in direct sales for or on behalf of said organization, provided that there is submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer proof that such charitable organization is registered under Sec. 440.41, Wis. Stats. Any charitable organization

engaging in the sale of merchandise and not registered under Sec. 440.41, Wis. Stats., or which is exempt from that statute's registration requirements, shall be required to register under this Chapter.

- U) **Alleged Transient Merchants.** Any person who claims to be a permanent merchant, but against whom complaint has been made to the Village Clerk-Treasurer that such person is a transient merchant, provided that there is submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer proof that such person has leased for at least one (1) year, or purchased, the premises from which he/she is conducting business, or proof that such person has conducted such business in this Village for at least one (1) year prior to the date complaint was made.
- (k) **Persons Licensed by Examining Boards.** Any individual licensed by an examining board as defined in Sec. 15.01(7), Wis. Stats.
- (l) **Village Authorized Events.** This Chapter does not apply to transient merchants while doing business at special events authorized by the Village Board.
- (m) **Resident Minors.** Minors under eighteen (18) years of age who are residents of the Public School District of which the Village of Wheeler is a part.

## Sec. 7-4-4 Registration.

- (a) **Registration Information.** Applicants for registration must complete and return to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a registration form furnished by the Clerk-Treasurer which shall require the following information:
  - (1) Name, permanent address and telephone number, and temporary address, if any;
  - (2) Height, weight, color of hair and eyes, and date of birth;
  - (3) Name, address and telephone number of the person, firm, association or corporation that the transient merchant represents or is employed by, or whose merchandise is being sold;
  - (4) Temporary address and telephone number from which business will be conducted, if any;
  - (5) Nature of business to be conducted and a brief description of the merchandise offered and any services offered;
  - (6) Proposed method of delivery of merchandise, if applicable;
  - (7) Make, model and license number of any vehicle to be used by applicant in the conduct of his/her business;
  - (8) Last cities, villages, towns, not to exceed three (3), where applicant conducted similar business just prior to making this registration.
  - (9) Place where applicant can be contacted for at least seven (7) days after leaving the Village of Wheeler;
  - (10) Statement as to whether applicant has been convicted of any crime or ordinance violation related to applicant's transient merchant business within the last five (5) years, the nature of the offense and the place of conviction.

- (b) **Identification and Certification.** Applicants shall present to the Village Clerk-Treasurer for examination:
  - (1) A driver's license or some other proof of identity as may be reasonably required;
  - (2) A state certificate of examination and approval from the sealer of weights and measures where applicant's business requires use of weighing and measuring devices approved by state authorities;
  - (3) A state health officer's certificate where applicant's business involves the handling of food or clothing and is required to be certified under state law; such certificate to state that applicant is apparently free from any contagious or infectious disease, dated not more than ninety (90) days prior to the date the application for license is made.
- (c) **Registration Fee.**
  - (1) At the time of filing applications, a registration fee per Section 1-3-1 shall be paid to the Clerk-Treasurer to cover the cost of investigation of the facts stated in the applications and for processing said registration. Every member of a group must file a separate registration form. The primary applicant shall pay a registration fee per Section 1-3-1 plus a CIB investigation fee; each assistant under the application shall also be required to pay the CIB records check fee.
  - (2) The applicant shall sign a statement appointing the Village Clerk-Treasurer his/her agent to accept service of process in any civil action brought against the applicant arising out of any sale or service performed by the applicant in connection with the direct sales activities of the applicant, in the event the applicant cannot, after reasonable effort, be served personally.
  - (3) Upon payment of said fees and the signing of said statement, the Village Clerk-Treasurer may register the applicant as a transient merchant and date the entry. Said registration shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of entry, subject to subsequent refusal as provided in Sec. 7-4-5(b) below.
- (d) **License; Fees.** Except as provided by Section 7-4-3, no person shall conduct any activity as a transient merchant without a license. Every applicant for a license shall pay a license fee. The fee for an annual license shall be per Section 1-3-1 which shall be paid to the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Such license shall be for a calendar year and shall expire on December 31 following its issuance, provided however, that the fee shall be one-half (1/2) of the amount stipulated for a calendar year if it is issued on or after July 1 of any year.
- (e) **Bond.** Every applicant who is not a resident of Dunn County or who represents a firm whose principal place of business is located outside of the State of Wisconsin shall file with the Clerk-Treasurer a surety bond in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), conditioned that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the ordinances of the Village of Wheeler and the State laws regulating peddlers, canvassers, solicitors and transient merchants, and guaranteeing to any person doing business with the licensee that all money paid as a down payment will be accounted for and applied according to the representations of the licensee; and further guaranteeing that property purchased for future

delivery will be delivered according to the representations of the licensee. Action on such bond may be brought by any person aggrieved.

- (f) **Solicitors.** Solicitors of funds or donations for charitable or other organizations from outside of Dunn County shall comply with all disclosure and registration requirements above, but shall be exempt from the registration and license fees; such applicants, however, shall each pay the CIB records check fee.

### **Sec. 7-4-5 Investigation.**

- (a) **Background and Investigation.** Upon receipt of each application, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall refer the application to the pertinent law enforcement agency, which will be requested to make and complete an investigation of the statements made in such registration, said investigation to be completed within five (5) days from the time of referral.
- (b) **Basis for Denial of Application.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall refuse to register the applicant and issue a permit if it is determined, pursuant to the investigation above, that: the application contains any material omission or materially inaccurate statement; complaints of a material nature have been received against the applicant by authorities in the last cities, villages and towns, not exceeding three (3), in which the applicant conducted similar business; the applicant was convicted of a crime, statutory violation or ordinance violation within the last five (5) years, the nature of which is directly related to the applicant's fitness to engage in direct selling; or the applicant failed to comply with any applicable provision of Section 7-4-4(b) above.

### **Sec. 7-4-6 Appeal.**

Any person denied registration may appeal the denial through the appeal procedure provided by ordinance or resolution of the Village Board or, if none has been adopted, under the provisions of Sections 68.07 through 68.16, Wis. Stats.

### **Sec. 7-4-7 Regulation of Transient Merchants.**

- (a) **Prohibited Practices.**
- (1) A transient merchant shall be prohibited from: calling at any dwelling or other place between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. except by appointment; calling at any dwelling or other place where a sign is displayed bearing the words "No Peddlers," "No Solicitors" or words of similar meaning; calling at the rear door of any dwelling place; or remaining on any premises after being asked to leave by the owner, occupant or other person having authority over such premises.

- (2) A transient merchant shall not misrepresent or make false, deceptive or misleading statements concerning the quality, quantity or character of any merchandise offered for sale, the purpose of his/her visit, his/her identity or the identity of the organization he/she represents. A charitable organization transient merchant shall specifically disclose what portion of the sale price of merchandise being offered will actually be used for the charitable purpose for which the organization is soliciting. Said portion shall be expressed as a percentage of the sale price of the merchandise.
  - (3) No transient merchant shall impede the free use of sidewalks and streets by pedestrians and vehicles. Where sales are made from vehicles, all traffic and parking regulations shall be observed.
  - (4) No transient merchant shall make any loud noises or use any sound amplifying device to attract customers if the noise produced is capable of being plainly heard outside a one hundred (100) foot radius of the source.
  - (5) No transient merchant shall allow rubbish or litter to accumulate in or around the area in which he/she is conducting business.
- (b) **Disclosure Requirements.**
- (1) After the initial greeting and before any other statement is made to a prospective customer, a transient merchant shall expressly disclose his/her name, the name of the company or organization he/she is affiliated with, if any, and the identity of merchandise or services he/she offers to sell.
  - (2) If any sale of merchandise is made by a transient merchant or any sales order for the later delivery of merchandise is taken by the seller, the buyer shall have the right to cancel said transaction if it involves the extension of credit or is a cash transaction of more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), in accordance with the procedure as set forth in Sec. 423.203, Wis. Stats.; the seller shall give the buyer two (2) copies of a typed or printed notice of that fact. Such notice shall conform to the requirements of Sections 423.203(1)(a)(b) and (c), (2) and (3), Wis. Stats.
  - (3) If the transient merchant takes a sales order for the later delivery of merchandise, he/she shall, at the time the order is taken, provide the buyer with a written statement containing the terms of the agreement, the amount paid in advance, whether full, partial or no advance payment is made, the name, address and telephone number of the seller, the delivery or performance date and whether a guarantee or warranty is provided and, if so, the terms thereof.

## **Sec. 7-4-8 Revocation of Registration.**

- (a) **Revocation of Registration.** Registration may be revoked by the Village President, Village Clerk-Treasurer or a law enforcement officer after notice if the registrant made any material omission or materially inaccurate statement in the application for registration, made

any fraudulent, false, deceptive or misleading statement or representation in the course of engaging in direct sales, violated any provision of this Chapter or was convicted of any crime or ordinance or statutory violation which is directly related to the registrant's fitness to engage in direct selling. The permittee may request, in writing, a hearing before the Village Board on such revocation.

- (b) **Hearing Notice.** Written notice of the hearing shall be served personally or pursuant to Section 7-4-4(c) on the registrant at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for the hearing; such notice contain the time and place of hearing and a statement of the acts upon which the hearing will be based.

## **Sec. 7-4-9 Special Event Vending Permit.**

- (a) **Permit Required.** There shall be a per day fee for a special event vending permit per Section 1-3-1. The Village Board will determine whether the applicant qualifies for a special event vending permit to conduct such activity on public property. The permit shall set forth the exact dates on which and the exact location where such business or vending shall be carried on and shall be valid only during the dates and at the locations specified. In addition, the vendor shall have adequate liability insurance in force as required by this Section.
- (b) **Exclusive Vending Rights During Special Events.**
- (1) During a special event the Village Board may, and after public hearing, suspend specifically enumerated restrictions on transient merchants on any street, alley, sidewalk or public square and public park. Alternative rules and procedures may be established by the Village Board for the special event.
  - (2) To encourage the integrity, comprehensiveness and success of a special event taking place on any street, alley, sidewalk, public square or public park, the Village Board may, after public hearing, reserve up to ten (10) days during any vending year when transient merchant permits will not be valid at a particular location and when some or all categories of transient merchant permits will not be valid in the perimeter of the special event. During any special event, the rules, guidelines and procedures as set forth in the resolution approved by the Village Board shall take precedence.
  - (3) For each such specific day during which certain or all vending permits have been declared to be not valid, the Village Board may by separate resolution and after public hearing, authorize the sponsor of a special event to select vendors, salespersons and vending sites for the duration of the special event within its perimeter. The event's sponsor shall contact the Village Board at least one (1) week before the public hearing with an outline of the rules, regulations, fees, areas affected and a proposed resolution for exclusive vending rights. The determinations of the Village Board as to any specific day during which a transient merchant permit will not be valid shall be by

resolution adopted at least four (4) weeks in advance of such specific day. Transient merchant permits shall be subject to invalidation for up to ten (10) days each vending year of any one (1) location as provided in this subdivision.

- (4) No person holding a transient merchant permit may sell or offer for sale any goods or foods during a Village-authorized special event when his/her license is not valid unless authorized by the sponsor of the special event as specified above.



# Title 7 ▶ Chapter 5

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## Regulation and Licensing of Fireworks

### 7-5-1 Regulation of Fireworks

#### Sec. 7-5-1 Regulation of Fireworks.

- (a) **Regulation of Fireworks.** Except as otherwise allowed by this Chapter, no person may possess, sell or use fireworks in the Village of Wheeler. This Chapter shall constitute a local regulation adopted pursuant to Sec. 167.10(5), Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Definitions.** In this Section, "fireworks" means anything manufactured, processed or packaged for exploding, flying, jumping, emitting sparks or combustion. Common regulated fireworks include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) Firecrackers; M-60 or M-80 explosive devices; sky rockets or mortars; display wheels; torpedoes; bottle rockets; Roman candles; aerial salutes; or any fireworks of like construction or function; or
  - (2) Any devices commonly sold as fireworks containing nitrates, chlorates, oxalates, sulfides of lead, barium, antimony, mercury, arsenic, nitroglycerine phosphorus, or any of the same.
- (c) **Exclusions.** The general prohibition against fireworks in this Chapter shall not include any of the following (referred to as "Allowable Devices"). These are the only types of devices which may be possessed or used without a fireworks display permit or that may be sold to a person who does not have a permit by a party holding a non-temporary sales permit or a temporary stand permit:
  - (1) Fuel or a lubricant.
  - (2) A firearm cartridge, shotgun shell, ammunition, and/or blasting agents utilized or handled as provided by law or ordinance.
  - (3) The use, possession or sale of blank cartridges for theatrical purposes, for signal purposes at authorized athletic/sporting events, or use by law enforcement or military authorities.
  - (4) A flare used, possessed or sold for use as a signal in an emergency or in the operation of a railway, aircraft, watercraft or motor vehicle.
  - (5) A match, cigarette lighter, stove, furnace, candle, lantern or space heater.
  - (6) Tobacco or a tobacco product.

- (7) A cap containing not more than one-quarter (1/4) grain of explosive mixture, if the cap is used, possessed or sold for use in a device which prevents direct bodily contact with a cap when it is in place for explosion.
  - (8) A toy snake which contains no mercury.
  - (9) A model rocket engine.
  - (10) A sparkler on a wire or wood stick not exceeding thirty-six (36) inches in length or 0.25 inches in outside diameter that is designed to produce visible effects and which does not contain chlorate, perchlorate or magnesium.
  - (11) A device designed to spray out paper confetti or streamers and which contains less than one-quarter (1/4) grain of explosive mixture.
  - (12) A device designed to produce an audible sound but which does not explode, spark, move, fly or emit an external flame after ignition and which does not exceed three (3) grams in total weight.
  - (13) A fuseless device that is designed to produce an audible and visible effect(s), and that contains less than one-quarter (1/4) grain of explosive mixture.
  - (14) A stationary device that is designed primarily to burn pyrotechnic smoke-producing mixtures, at a controlled rate, and that produces an audible or visible effects.
  - (15) A stationary cylindrical fountain that consists of one or more tubes and that is classified by the federal Department of Transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.
  - (16) A stationary cone fountain that is classified by the federal Department of Transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.
- (d) **Fireworks Display Permits.**
- (1) **Fireworks Display Permit Required.**
    - a. No person may use, ignite or display fireworks in the Village of Wheeler without a fireworks display permit issued under this Subsection.
    - b. Fireworks display permits are issued, pursuant to state law, by the Village President or from an official or employee of the Village of Wheeler as designated by the Village President to perform such function.
    - c. The Fire Department and law enforcement authorities shall be requested to provide recommendations regarding permit issuance, including possible permit conditions. A site inspection may be required before issuance of a permit.
  - (2) **Fireworks Display Permit Exceptions.** Subparagraph (d)(1) above does not apply to:
    - a. The possession or use of explosives in accordance with rules or general orders of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (SPS).
    - b. The disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with rules adopted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
    - c. The possession or lawful use of explosive or combustible materials in any manufacturing process.
    - d. The possession or use of explosive or combustible materials in connection with classes conducted by educational institutions.

- e. A possessor or manufacturer of explosives in possession of a license or permit under 18 U.S.C. 841 to 848 if the possession of the fireworks is authorized under the license or permit.
- (3) **Who May Obtain Permit.** A permit under this Subsection may be issued only to the following:
- a. A public authority.
  - b. A fair association.
  - c. An amusement park.
  - d. A park board.
  - e. A civic organization.
  - f. Any individual or group of group of individuals.
  - g. An agricultural producer for the protection of crops from predatory birds or animals.
- (4) **Fireworks Display Permit Applications.**
- a. Applications for fireworks display permits shall be made in writing to the Village Clerk-Treasurer at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the date of the display, unless good cause can be shown for the necessity for a shorter time period. Such application shall provide the following information:
    - 1. Name, address, telephone number (landline and cellphone), and email address of the permit holder.
    - 2. The name of the permit holder organization.
    - 3. Proposed date and location of the display. A permit shall not be issued for multiple locations.
    - 4. Location and address where the fireworks will be stored, and the type of storage building.
    - 5. An adequate description of the kind and quantity of fireworks to be purchased and displayed.
    - 6. A site plan describing the premises.
    - 7. Payment of the fee for a fireworks display permit as prescribed in the Village's fee schedule in Section 1-3-1.
    - 8. Proof of liability insurance shall be filed with the Village at the time of application. Every permittee shall have and maintain adequate liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 bodily injury and property damage, combined single limit coverage. The insurance policy shall name the Village of Wheeler, its officers, employees and agents as additional named insureds. Said policy shall indemnify and defend the Village of Wheeler, its officers, employees and agents against all claims, liability, damages, losses or expenses, whether caused by or contributed to by any alleged negligence of the Village, its officers, employees, or agents. Said policy shall specify that the Village of Wheeler shall receive written notice

thirty (30) days prior to any cancellation, non-renewal, or material changes in the policy.

9. Such other information as the Village may require to adequately review the application.
  - b. The Village may issue fireworks display permits allowing for the use and discharge of fireworks with a permit during the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ only.
  - c. After a fireworks display permit has been issued, the sale, possession, use, and distribution of fireworks under such permit shall only be for that lawful purpose and event, and is non-transferable. A fireworks display permit shall not be issued for multiple dates, times and/or locations.
  - d. A fireworks display permit is only valid in the Village of Wheeler.
  - e. A fireworks display permit may be rescinded after issuance by the Village should weather conditions become unfavorable.
- (5) **Fireworks Display Permit Application Provisions.** A fireworks display permit issued under this Chapter shall specify the following:
  - a. The name and address of the permit holder.
  - b. The date, time and location of permitted fireworks use.
  - c. The date after which fireworks may be purchased.
  - d. The kind and quantity of fireworks which may be purchased.
  - e. Other requirements which the Village may impose as conditions of permit issuance (for example: times and manner of use; distances from spectators or buildings, etc.).
- (6) **Copy of Permit.** A copy of a fireworks display permit under this Subsection shall be given by the Village to fire and law enforcement officials at least two (2) days before the date of authorized use, per Sec. 167.10(3)(g), Wis. Stats. [Note: This requirement does not apply to small consumer fireworks which require a permit, such as those classified as Division 1.4 explosives under CFR 173.50, or those fireworks listed under Subsection (c) above. Display fireworks are those classified as Division 1.3 explosives under CFR 173.50].
- (7) **Minors Prohibited.** A fireworks display permit under this Subsection shall not be issued to a minor.
- (8) **Fireworks Display Permit Use Restrictions.**
  - a. Every such display shall be handled and supervised by a competent adult operator.
  - b. The permitte group may authorize an individual to make purchases on its behalf. The authorized buyer for a permittee organization may only purchase the types and quantities of fireworks specified in the organization's permit. A permittee organization may not issue a blanket authorization to all of its members to purchase on behalf of the group. A person purchasing fireworks on behalf of the

- permittee organization shall possess a copy of the group's permit and the written authorization of the organization.
- c. The fireworks display permit shall specify the date on and after which fireworks can be purchased.
  - d. The fireworks to be displayed shall be of such composition, size, character, and so located, discharged or fired as to not be hazardous to property or unduly endanger any persons, as in the opinion of the Fire Chief and law enforcement authorities.
  - e. Fireworks used may only be discharged and displayed if such use is a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from any structure.
  - f. Use of fireworks under a display permit or devices exempt from permit requirements under Subsection (c) above are prohibited after 12:00 midnight.
  - g. A person issued a fireworks display permit for crop protection shall erect appropriate warning signs disclosing the use of fireworks for crop protection.
  - h. Any fireworks which remain unfired after the display shall be immediately disposed of in a safe manner in accordance with any applicable regulations of the State of Wisconsin. The permittee shall be responsible for inspecting the display site after the fireworks display for any undischarged fireworks.
- (9) **Limits on Use of All Classes of Fireworks at Public Display Sites.** No unauthorized person may use any type of fireworks described in Subsections (b) and (c) above at a site authorized under a fireworks display permit if the site and display is open to the general public.
- (e) **Possession of Fireworks - Fireworks Possession Permit.**
- (1) **Limitations on Possession.** No person shall have within their possession, own, hold on consignment, or otherwise be physically and/or legally in control of fireworks without a fireworks possession permit under this Subsection or a fireworks display permit or appropriate sales permit under this Chapter.
  - (2) **Fireworks Possession Permit.**
    - a. An authorized seller of fireworks may issue a possession permit to a person to possess fireworks within the Village of Wheeler for purposes of possessing the fireworks while transporting them through the Village. A fireworks possession permit does not authorize the holder of such permit to use or resell fireworks within the Village. The Village designates licensed sellers of fireworks as agents for the Village for the sale of possession permits. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall approve the form of fireworks possession permits. The holder of a fireworks seller's permit who issues a fireworks possession permit shall maintain adequate records of the permits issued.
    - b. Resident fireworks wholesalers or jobbers may sell fireworks to non-residents pursuant to Sec. 167.10(4), Wis. Stats., but a non-resident may not use or possess fireworks within the Village without a proper permit.

- c. No wholesaler, jobber or dealer may store or handle fireworks in premises unless the premises are equipped with fire extinguishers approved by the Fire Department.
  - d. "No Smoking" signs shall be clearly displayed on the premises and the prohibition against smoking on the premises shall be enforced.
  - e. No wholesaler, jobber or dealer may store fireworks within fifty (50) feet of a dwelling, a public assemblage location, or a place where gasoline or other flammable liquids are stored or sold in quantities of more than one (1) gallon.
- (3) **Fireworks Possession Permit Fee.** The charge for each fireworks possession permit shall be as prescribed in the Village's schedule of fees in Section 1-3-1.
- (f) **Limitations on Sale of Fireworks - Generally.** No person may sell or possess with intent to sell fireworks except:
- (1) To a person holding a permit under Subsections (d) or (e)(2);
  - (2) To a municipality; or
  - (3) For a purpose specified under this Chapter.
- (g) **Fireworks Sales Permit - Non-Temporary Location.**
- (1) **Permit Requirement.** No person may sell or possess with intent to sell fireworks from a non-temporary permanent location without a non-temporary fireworks sales permit from the Village Clerk-Treasurer. A non-temporary fireworks sales permit is required for a permittee and his/her premises where fireworks sales are conducted from a non-temporary permanent structure for three (3) months or more per calendar year. A non-temporary fireworks sales permit shall not be issued to a minor.
  - (2) **Permit Fee.** The annual fee for a non-temporary fireworks sales permit shall be as prescribed in the Village's schedule of fees. The entire permit fee shall be charged for every non-temporary fireworks sales permit for the whole or fraction of a year, and shall be paid when application is made for such permit.
  - (3) **Application Information.** The applicant shall provide with the application:
    - a. The address and structure description where the permit will be used;
    - b. The applicant's name, address, telephone number (landline and cellphone) and email address;
    - c. A description of the allowable devices to be stored and sold; and
    - d. The same application information for the owner of the property if not the same as the applicant operating the business enterprise.
  - (4) **Display of Permit.** The permittee shall at all times publicly and continuously display such non-temporary fireworks sales permit at such location. Such permit may only be transferred to a new location upon approval by the Village Board and payment of a transfer fee as prescribed in the Village's schedule of fees in Section 1-3-1.
  - (5) **Permissible Types of Fireworks for Sale.** Holders of non-temporary fireworks sales permits are permitted to sell or offer to sell fireworks devices defined in Subsections (b) and (c) above.

- (6) **Compliance With Regulations.** All holders of a non-temporary fireworks sales permit shall comply with all local ordinances and federal and state regulations and statutes regarding the sale, transport or storage of flammable or explosive materials.
- (h) **Fireworks Sales Permit - Temporary Stands.**
- (1) **Permit Requirement.** No person shall sell or offer to sell in the Village of Wheeler allowable fireworks devices, as defined in Subsection (c) above, from a temporary sales stand without the issuance of a temporary fireworks sales stand permit from the Village Clerk-Treasurer. A temporary fireworks sales stand permit is required for a permittee and his/her premises where fireworks sales are conducted from a temporary structure, such as a tent, or location for three (3) months or less per calendar year. As a condition of permit application, the Village is authorized to conduct an investigation of the applicant to determine whether the applicant possesses the qualifications necessary for issuance of a permit under this Subsection. The investigating officials shall have five (5) business days from the time of application in which to report to the Village Clerk-Treasurer their findings and recommendations. A temporary fireworks sales stand permit shall not be issued to a minor.
- (2) **Permit Fee.** The fee for a temporary fireworks sales stand permit shall be as prescribed in the Village's schedule of fees in Section 1-3-1. The entire permit fee shall be charged and the fee shall not be pro-rated for period of less than three (3) months.
- (3) **Application Information.** The applicant shall provide with the application:
- The address and stand description where the permit will be used;
  - The applicant's name, address, telephone number (landline and cellphone) and email address;
  - A description of the allowable devices to be stored and sold; and
  - The same application information for the owner of the property if not the same as the applicant operating the temporary sales stand. If the parties are different, written permission from the property owner to engage in such sales shall be filed with the application.
- (4) **Permissible Temporary Sales Locations.** Sales from temporary stands shall only be permitted from properties zoned commercial or industrial under the Village Zoning Code. Sales are prohibited from properties in other zoning classifications or from public properties or right-of-ways.
- (5) **Display of Permit.** The permittee shall at all times publicly and continuously display such temporary fireworks sales stand permit at such permitted location. Such temporary fireworks sales stand permit cannot be transferred to another party or location.
- (6) **Permissible Types of Fireworks for Sale.** All holders of a temporary fireworks sales stand permit are permitted to sell or offer to sell fireworks devices as defined in Subsections (b) and (c) above.

- (7) **Compliance With Regulations.** All holders of a temporary fireworks sales stand permit shall comply with all local ordinances and federal and state regulations and statutes regarding the sale, transport or storage of flammable or explosive materials.
- (8) **Additional Requirements.**
  - a. All signs associated with sales activities shall be located only on the premises for which the permit has been issued and shall comply with the Village's sign regulations. Such signs shall not be attached to any traffic control device or utility pole and shall not be located in a public right-of-way or encroach on the vision clearance triangle of any intersection.
  - b. Each sales tent is required to have a Certificate of Flame Resistance" (most tents rented from commercial renters will meet this requirement). A copy of this Certificate shall be available for inspection. Tents that do not meet such flame resistance requirements cannot be used as a retail fireworks stand.
  - c. Sales tents/stands shall be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any place of public assemblage or place where gasoline or other flammable materials are being sold.
  - d. Each temporary stand shall be equipped with at least one five (5) pound ABC fire extinguisher. Based on the size of the tent, additional fire extinguishers may be required. Each fire extinguisher shall meet NFPA 10 service standards, shall be located in a visible location, and shall have an attached certified inspection tag.
  - e. A "No Smoking" sign shall be posted inside the tent and another such sign on the outside of the tent at the main entrance. Such signs shall be easily visible. The smoking prohibition shall be strictly enforced by all employees.
  - f. Each tent is required to provide at least one main aisle of five (5) feet unobstructed width maintained at all times. Main aisles shall be clearly marked with an "Exit" sign.
  - g. Fireworks for sale shall be unpacked and displayed on tables.
  - h. Any electric extension cords located where vehicles may drive over them or customers can walk over them shall be protected to prevent abrasion or breakage from traffic and minimize tripping hazards. Any extension cord shall be a commercial-grade heavy-duty cord approved for outdoor use.
  1. If a portable generator is to be used with the stand, the generator shall be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet away from the fireworks stand. A barricade shall be constructed around the generator to prevent the public from coming into contact with the generator. Fuel for gasoline-powered generators shall be stored a minimum of fifty (50) feet away from the tent/stand.
- (i) **Seizure of Violating Materials.** The Fire Inspector or law enforcement authorities may seize, at the expense of the owner of the materials, all fireworks stored, handled, sold, offered for sale, possessed, or used by any person who violates this Chapter.
- (j) **Fireworks Sales to Non-State Residents.** Per Sec. 167.10(2)(bg), Wis. Stats., fireworks vendors may sell fireworks to a person who is not a Wisconsin resident, but the nonresident



person may not possess or use fireworks without a valid Village permit. A nonresident who lawfully purchases fireworks under a Village permit can possess and use those permitted fireworks in the Village pursuant to the terms of the permit or may transport the fireworks out of state.

- (k) **Parental Liability.** A parent or legal guardian of any minor who knowingly permits such minor to have in his/her possession or to discharge fireworks prohibited by this Chapter shall be liable for any damage caused by such possession or discharge of fireworks.
- (l) **Penalties.**
- (1) **Permit Violations.** A person who possesses or uses fireworks without a valid permit, or who sells fireworks to a person who does not have a valid permit, is subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section 1-1-6. Such forfeiture may not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per Sec. 167.10(9)(b), Wis. Stats. Each firework illegally possessed, used, or sold may be a separate violation.
  - (2) **Parents and Legal Guardians.** A parent or legal guardian who allows a minor to possess or use fireworks, excluding allowable devices under Subsection (c) above, is subject to a forfeiture pursuant to Section 1-1-6. Such forfeiture may not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per Sec. 167.10(9)(c), Wis. Stats.
  - (3) **Injunctive Relief.** The Village of Wheeler may obtain an injunction prohibiting a person from violating offenses under Sec. 167.10(8)(a), Wis. Stats.

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# Special Event Street Use and Block Party Permits

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- (a) **Purpose.** The streets in possession of the Village of Wheeler are primarily for the use of the public for vehicular travel. However, under proper circumstances, the Village Board may grant a permit for a special street use, subject to reasonable municipal regulation and control. Therefore, this Chapter is enacted to regulate and control the use of streets pursuant to a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit to the end that the health, safety and general welfare of the public and the good order of the Village of Wheeler can be protected and maintained. Said authority to regulate is contained in Sec. 349.185, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Permit Required.** It is unlawful for a special event to take place without a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit. The Village Board, in its discretion, shall determine whether a proposed event is most appropriately licensed under this Chapter or the provisions of Section 7-7-1 governing Large Public Gatherings/Assemblies Permits.
- (c) **Definitions.** As used in this Chapter:
- (1) **Processions, Parades, Runs, Walks, Marathons, Bicycles Races, Etc.** Shall have their usual and customary meaning, and are special events under this Chapter.
  - (2) **Highways or Streets.** Has the meaning set forth in Sec. 340.01, Wis. Stats., and also includes areas owned by the Village of Wheeler which are used primarily for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
  - (3) **Special Events.**
    - a. Community events such as parades on Village streets, athletic events, charity walks and runs, music festivals, and other events that meet the definition in this Chapter. Such events are allowed subject to the reasonable requirements of this Chapter and of the policies and procedures of the Village pertaining to parks and recreation. The Village Board finds such requirements necessary to promote the equitable use of limited public lands, to allow for the efficient use of limited Village staff resources through proper planning for such events, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

- b. Specifically, a special event shall mean a scheduled public gathering of persons, on Village streets or property, to which the public is invited and over five hundred (500) persons are expected to attend in a single day; or at which over six (6) half barrels of beer are to be present; and which will reasonably require, based on Village of Wheeler policies and procedures, the provision of Village support services to accommodate the event on public property. A special event is open to the public at a predetermined location on public property, including, but not limited to, Village parks, streets, and sidewalks. (Note: exceptionally large assemblies shall also be subject to the requirements of Title 7, Chapter 7 of this Code of Ordinances.)
- (d) **Exceptions.**
- (1) This Chapter shall not apply to any of the following:
    - a. Any march, public assembly, or other activity protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.
    - b. Village-sponsored events.
    - c. Funeral processions or military convoys.
    - d. Events exempted by contract with the Village of Wheeler.
  - (2) Any parade, etc., sponsored by any agency of the federal or state government, acting in its governmental capacity within the scope of its authority, shall be required to obtain a permit, however, it shall be exempt from the permit fee and insurance requirements contained herein.
- (e) **Application.** A written application for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit by persons or groups desiring the same shall be made on a form provided by the Village Administrator and shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer. A non-refundable application fee as prescribed by Section 1-3-1 shall be paid at the time of application. The Village Board may approve an agreement with a permit holder that provides for actual cost recovery by the Village in lieu of the fees stated in Section 1-3-1. The application shall set forth the following information regarding the proposed street use:
- (1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant or applicants.
  - (2) If the proposed street use is to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization and of the authorizing responsible heads of such organization.
  - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons who will be responsible for conducting the proposed use of the street.
  - (4) The date and duration of time for which the requested use of the street is proposed to occur.
  - (5) An accurate description of that portion of the street proposed to be used, including a map.
  - (6) The approximate number of persons for whom use of the proposed street area is requested, or the estimated number of participants or units comprising the usage.
  - (7) The proposed use, described in detail, for which the Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit is requested.

- (8) The assembly area, starting point, route to to be traveled and the termination point, as applicable.
  - (9) Copy of a current tax exempt identification number, if applicable.
  - (10) Any additional information which Village officials find necessary for a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.
- (f) **When Application Must Be Made.** A written application for a permit for any above-described function on the streets, highways or other public grounds under the jurisdiction of the Village shall be made by one of the organizers or officers to the Village Clerk-Treasurer no less than seven (7) days prior to the Village Board meeting at which the application is to be considered.
- (g) **Recommendations of Governmental Agencies.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall submit a copy of the application to pertinent law enforcement agencies and the Director of Public Works for their recommendations.
- (h) **Representative at Meeting.** The person or representative of the group making application for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit shall be present when the Village Board gives consideration to the granting of said Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit to provide any additional information which is reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be granted.
- (i) **Discretionary Denial of Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit.** An application for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit may be denied if:
- (1) The proposed street or public property use is primarily for private or commercial gain.
  - (2) The proposed street or public property use would violate any federal or state law or any Ordinance of the Village of Wheeler.
  - (3) The proposed street or public property use will substantially hinder the movement of police, fire or emergency vehicles, constituting a risk to persons or property.
  - (4) The application for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit does not contain the information required above.
  - (5) The application requests a period for the use of the street or public property in excess of five (5) days.
  - (6) If sufficient supervision would not be provided as to reasonably assure the orderly conduct of the usage.
  - (7) The policing of the usage will require so large a number of persons and vehicles, including ambulances, as to prevent adequate service of the needs of the rest of the municipality.
  - (8) The usage will seriously hinder the movement of police and fire and other emergency vehicles as to create a substantial risk to persons and property.
  - (9) The conduct of the usage will substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route.
  - (10) The usage is so poorly organized that participants are likely to engage in unsafe or destructive activity.

- (11) The proposed use could equally be held in a public park or other location. In addition to the requirements that the application for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit shall be denied, as hereinabove set forth, the Village Board may deny a permit for any other reason or reasons if it concludes that the health, safety and general welfare of the public cannot adequately be protected and maintained if the permit is granted.
- (j) **Alcohol Sales.** It is the responsibility of the Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit holder to obtain a Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage license per Title 7, Chapter 2 of this Code of Ordinances, if alcohol is to be sold at the special event. The license holder shall, in addition to all other requirements of the law, the Village fermented malt beverage and/or liquor license, and this Section, take reasonable steps to ensure that alcohol beverages are consumed only by persons who are of legal drinking age, and not by persons who are not of age or who are intoxicated. Reasonable steps shall include, but not be limited to, the use of barriers and fences to enclose the area where alcohol is to be consumed, and supervision of the area by security and staff personnel. Failure to take reasonable steps and use them at all times when alcohol is sold is grounds for termination of the event, issuance of a Village ordinance citation, or denial of the fermented malt beverage or liquor license or Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit in the future.
- (k) **Parks-Public Grounds.** A Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit shall not exempt the permit holder or guests from the requirements of Title 12 of this Code of Ordinances regulating parks and public grounds.
- (l) **Public Streets and Sidewalks.** All use of public streets and sidewalks for special events shall be on routes approved by the Village Board or designee. The Village Board may designate what streets and sidewalks or what portions thereof may be used for a special event. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to obey any such designation when made. Failure to obey shall be a violation of this Subsection by the permit holder and may result in the termination of the event or issuance of a Village ordinance citation. A future Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit may be denied based on a past violation of this Section.
- (m) **Insurance.** The applicant for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit may be required to indemnify, defend and hold the Village and its officials/employees and agents harmless against all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense incurred by the Village on account of any injury to or death of any person or any damage to property caused by or resulting from the activities for which the permit is granted. As evidence of the applicant's ability to perform the conditions of the permit, the applicant shall be required to furnish a Certificate of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with the Village of Wheeler. The Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit holder shall provide proof of liability and property damage insurance in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, with the Village of Wheeler listed as an additional named insured. The applicant may also be required to furnish a performance bond or make a cash deposit with the Village of Wheeler (all or some of which may be refunded post-event) prior to being granted the permit.

- (n) **Special Community Event Exception.** The requirements of Subsections (i) and (o) are not applicable to certain community events recognized by the Village Board as falling within this exception. Open consumption and/or sales of alcoholic beverages may be allowed for these limited community events.
- (o) **Consent to Conducting a Block Party.** In addition to the fee required by this Section, each application for a permit for a residential neighborhood block party shall be accompanied by a petition designating the proposed area of the street to be used and time for said block party proposed use, said petition to be signed by not less than sixty percent (60%) of the residents over eighteen (18) years of age residing along that portion of the street designated for the proposed block party. Said petition shall be verified and shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

### PETITION FOR STREET USE PERMIT FOR BLOCK PARTY

We, the undersigned residents of the \_\_\_\_\_ hundred block of \_\_\_\_\_ Street in the Village of Wheeler, hereby consent to the \_\_\_\_\_ recreational or business use of this street for a block party between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ and do hereby consent to the Village of Wheeler to grant a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit for use of the said portion of said street for block party use and do hereby agree to abide by such conditions of such use as the Village of Wheeler shall attach to the granting of the requested Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit. We further understand that the permit will not be granted for longer than twelve (12) hours on the date hereinabove specified, and agree to remove from the street prior to the end of said period all equipment, vehicles and other personal property placed or driven thereon during the block party event for which a permit is granted.

We designate \_\_\_\_\_ as the responsible person or persons who shall apply for an application for a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit.

(p) **Charge for Increased Costs.**

- (1) Where the Village Board determines that the cost of municipal services incident to the staging of the usage will be significantly increased because of the usage, the Village Board may require the permittee to make an additional payment into the general fund of the Village of Wheeler, in an amount equal to the increased costs.
- (2) An applicant for a permit may be required to pay to the Village, before the permit is issued, a traffic-control fee in an amount established by the Director of Public Works or designee. The traffic-control fee shall be based on consideration of the following information which shall serve as a standard to guide his/her discretion in setting the fee:
  - a. The route for the event;
  - b. The time of day the event or public assembly is to take place;
  - c. The date and day of the week proposed;
  - d. The general traffic conditions in the area requested, both vehicular and pedestrian, with special attention being given to the rerouting of vehicles or pedestrians normally using the requested area;
  - e. The number of marked and unmarked intersections along the route requested, together with the traffic-control devices present;
  - f. The number of marked and unmarked intersections and traffic-control devices if traffic must be completely rerouted from the area;
  - g. The estimated number of participants and vehicles;
  - h. The nature, composition, format, and configuration of the event or public assembly;
    - i. The anticipated weather conditions;
    - J. The estimated time or duration of the event or public assembly;
  - k. The plan of the applicant for emergency medical services;
  - l. Sufficient parking near the route to accommodate the number of vehicles reasonably expected, including provisions arranged for and made by the applicant for handicapped parking; and
  - m. Applicable fees as stated in Section 1-3-1.
- (3) The traffic-control fee shall cover the cost to the Village of providing sufficient officers to regulate traffic and maintain public order incident to the proposed event, march or public assembly. The fee shall not be increased by consideration of the nature, substance, or content of the subject matter or speech for which the event, march or public assembly is organized.

- (q) **Cleanup Requirements.** The holder of any Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit issued under this Section shall return the street to the condition that existed prior to the use, by the time the permit expires. The Village will make such restoration in the event that the permit holder fails to do so and bill the permittee for the cost incurred by the Village in performing this work. Failure to make timely payment within a reasonable time after



receiving the statement for cleaning work shall constitute grounds for refusal to grant the permit holder any other permit in the future.

- (r) **Termination of a Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit.** A Special Event Street Use/Block Party Permit for an event in progress may be terminated by the Village President, Village Clerk-Treasurer or a law enforcement officer if the health, safety and welfare of the public appears to be endangered by activities generated as a result of the event or the event is in violation of any of the conditions of the permits or ordinances of the Village of Wheeler. The Village President, Village Clerk-Treasurer or a law enforcement officer has the authority to revoke a permit or terminate an event in progress if the event organizers fail to comply with any of the regulations in the street use policy or conditions stated in the permit.



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# **Mobile Homes**

### **7-7-1** Monthly Parking Fee; Limitations on Parking

#### **Sec. 7-7-1 Monthly Parking Fee; Limitations on Parking.**

- (a) There is hereby imposed on each owner of a nonexempt, occupied mobile home in the Village of Wheeler a monthly parking fee as determined in accordance with Sec. 66.058(3), Wis. Stats., which is hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Chapter as if fully set forth herein. It shall be the full and complete responsibility of the licensee to collect the proper amount from each mobile homeowner. Licensees shall pay to the Village Clerk-Treasurer such parking permit fees on or before the 10th day of the month for which such fees are due in accordance with the terms of this Chapter and such regulations as the Village may reasonably promulgate.
  - (1) Licensees of mobile home parks and owners of land on which are parked any occupied, nonexempt mobile homes shall furnish information to the Village Clerk-Treasurer and Assessor on such homes added to their park or land within five (5) days after arrival of such home on forms furnished by the Village Clerk-Treasurer in accordance with Sec. 66.058(3)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats.
  - (2) Occupants or owners of non-exempt mobile homes parked outside of a mobile home park shall remit such fees directly to the Village Clerk-Treasurer as provided in Subsection (a). It shall be the full and complete responsibility of the licensee of a mobile home park to collect such fees from each occupied nonexempt mobile home therein and to remit such fees to the Village Clerk-Treasurer as provided in Subsection (a).
- (b) Owners of nonexempt, occupied mobile homes, upon receipt of notice from the Village Clerk-Treasurer of their liability for the monthly parking permit fee, shall remit to the Village Clerk-Treasurer a cash deposit of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to guarantee payment of such fees when due to the Village of Wheeler. It shall be the full and complete responsibility of the licensees of a mobile home park to collect such cash deposits from each occupied, nonexempt mobile home therein and to remit such deposits to the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Upon receipt of a notice from the owner or licensee that the nonexempt, occupied mobile home has been or is about to be removed from the Village, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall apply said cash deposit to reduce any monthly parking permit fees for which said owner is liable and refund the balance, if any, to said owner.

- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any mobile home in the Village of Wheeler at any site other than a licensed mobile home park.

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 66.058 and 70.111(19) Wis. Stats.

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**Licensees to Pay Local Claims;  
Appellate Procedures**

- 7-8-1 Licensees Required to Pay Local Taxes, Assessments and Claims; Appellate Procedures
- 7-8-2 Issuance of Licenses
- 7-8-3 Criminal History Record Information Searches

**Sec. 7-8-1 Licensees Required to Pay Local Taxes, Assessments and Claims.**

- (a) **Nonpayment of Taxes or Forfeitures.** The Village of Wheeler shall not issue or renew any license to transact any business within the Village:
  - (1) For any purposes for which taxes, assessments or other claims of the Village of Wheeler are delinquent and unpaid.
  - (2) For any person who is delinquent in payment:
    - a. Of any taxes, assessments or other claims owed the Village of Wheeler; or
    - b. Of any forfeiture resulting from a violation of any Village ordinance.
- (b) **Applicability.** This Section shall apply to licenses issued pursuant to the provisions of Title 7 of this Code of Ordinances, except Chapter 1.
- (c) **Denial of Renewal.** An application for renewal of a license subject to this Chapter shall be denied pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (a) only following notice and opportunity for hearing as provided by Subsection (d) below.
- (d) **Hearing.** Prior to any denial of an application for renewal of a license, including denials pursuant to Subsection (a), the applicant shall be given notice and opportunity for a hearing as hereinafter provided. The Village Board or its assignee shall notify the applicant in writing of the Village's intention not to renew the license and shall provide the applicant with an opportunity for hearing. The notice shall state the reasons for the intended action and shall establish a date, not less than three (3) days nor more than ten (10) days after the date of the notice on which the applicant shall appear before the Village Board. If the applicant shall fail to appear before the Village Board on the date indicated on the notice, the Village Board shall deny the application for renewal. If the applicant appears before

the Village Board on the date indicated in the notice and denies that the reasons for nonrenewal exist, the Village Board shall conduct a hearing with respect to the matter. At the hearing, both the Village and the applicant may produce witnesses, cross examine witnesses and be represented by counsel. The applicant shall, upon request, be provided a written transcript of the hearing at the applicant's expense. If the Village Board determines the applicant shall not be entitled to renewal pursuant to Subsection (a), the application for renewal shall be denied.

- (e) **Other Grounds for Hearing.** Where an individual, business or corporation wishes to appeal the Village Clerk-Treasurer's decision not to issue a license or permit under this Title on grounds other than those specified in Subsections (a) through (d) above, the applicant may file a request in writing with the Village Clerk-Treasurer that the matter be referred to the Village Board. A public hearing shall be scheduled within fourteen (14) calendar days by the Village Board. All parties may be represented by counsel. The Village Board shall consider all relevant information and shall render a decision which shall be binding.

*State La,w Reference:* Sec. 66.0115, Wis. Stats.

## Sec. 7-8-2 Issuance of Licenses.

- (a) **Application.** Applications for licenses under this Title shall be made to the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Such application shall contain such information as may be required by the provisions of this Chapter or as may be otherwise required by the Village Board.
- (b) **Payment of License Fee.** License fees imposed under this Title shall accompany the license application. If a license is granted, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall issue the applicant a receipt for his/her license fee.
- (c) **Refund of License Fee.** No fee paid shall be refunded unless the license is denied.
- (d) **Terms of Licenses.** All licenses issued hereunder shall expire on June 30, in the year of issuance unless issued for a shorter term, when they shall expire on midnight of the last effective day of the license, or unless otherwise provided by these Ordinances or State laws.
- (e) **Form of License.** All licenses issued hereunder shall show the date of issue, the activity licensed, and the term of the license, and shall be signed by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- (f) **Record of Licenses.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of all licenses issued.
- (g) **Display of Licenses.** All licenses hereunder shall be displayed upon the premises or vehicle for which issued, or if carried on the person shall be displayed to any officer of the Village upon request.
- (h) **Compliance With Ordinances Required.** It shall be a condition of holding a license under this Title that the Licensee comply with all ordinances of the Village of Wheeler. Failure to do so shall be cause for revocation of the license.

- (i) **Transfer of Licenses.** All licenses issued hereunder shall be personal to whom issued and shall not be transferred except with the consent of the Village Board.
- (j) **Consent to Inspection.** An applicant for a license under this Chapter thereby consents to the entry of police or authorized representatives of the Village of Wheeler upon licensed premises at all reasonable hours for the purposes of inspection and search, and consents to removal from the premises and introduction into evidence in prosecutions for violations of this Title all things found therein in violation of this Chapter or State law.

### Sec. 7-8-3 Criminal History Record Information Searches.

- (a) **General Provisions; Purpose.**
  - (1) **Purpose.** This Section is adopted for the purpose of providing the Village of Wheeler and law enforcement agencies serving the Village with the authority to request criminal history record information from the State of Wisconsin or the federal government when required by ordinance or if requested by the Village Clerk-Treasurer or a Village department head.
  - (2) **State Requirements.** The Village of Wheeler is a municipal corporation which provides government services to its citizens and the general public, and in order to efficiently provide services, it is necessary to conduct criminal history record searches concerning certain persons. This Section is enacted in order to comply with any applicable State of Wisconsin requirement that a municipality that requests that the state provide them with criminal history record information concerning an individual under certain circumstances have an ordinance, resolution or department policy enacted authorizing such requests.
- (b) **Authority.** If required by ordinance or if requested by the Village Clerk-Treasurer or a Village department head, law enforcement agencies serving the Village of Wheeler shall conduct a criminal history records information search concerning the following persons:
  - (1) Alcohol license and permit applicants.
  - (2) Transient merchant license applicants.
  - (3) Applicants for Village employment.
  - (4) Firefighter applicants when requested by the Fire Chief.
  - (5) Rescue squad applicants when requested by the Emergency Medical Service.
  - (6) Hunting permit applicants.
  - (7) Ride-along participants.
  - (8) Applicants for all other licenses and permits which may be issued by the Village of Wheeler.
  - (9) An officer or partner of any corporate or partnership applicant for licenses or permits from the Village of Wheeler.
  - (10) Any other person for whom a department head or the Village Clerk-Treasurer, or his/her designee, requests criminal history information due to interaction with





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municipal services. A request under this Subsection must be based on a reasonable belief that the criminal history information is necessary to assist in the safe and efficient operation of local government and/or to safeguard the public health and safety.

- (c) **Fees.** The cost of the criminal history record information search shall be paid as provided by ordinance, or if not specifically specified in an ordinance, as directed by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.