

Failure to remove dog or cat feces without delay (Pooper-Scooper Law) ~ ORDINANCE 11-0125

It shall be unlawful for any dog or cat owner or person in possession of any dog or cat to fail to remove without delay any feces left by such cat or dog on any public street, sidewalk, other public areas, or the private property of another within the City of Grand Forks.

Barking Dog Law ~ ORDINANCE 11-0116

The barking, howling, whining or making of disagreeable noises by dogs to the extent of disturbing the people in the dog's neighborhood / locality is illegal and the dogs may be impounded.

Cat or Dog at Large ~ ORDINANCE 11-0112

Any dog or cat running or being at large in any of the streets, public ways, public places, parks, or upon the private premises of any other person than the owner or keeper of such cat or dog, within the City of Grand Forks shall be deemed and be considered to be a public nuisance and shall be deemed to be an animal ferae naturae or naturally wild and shall be impounded in a suitable place provided by the city.

REMEMBER: Dogs must be leashed or fenced, even on your own property.

Number of Dogs Per Household

ORDINANCE 11-0123

Except as otherwise permitted by federal law, it shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any combination of more than six (6) cats and dogs, no more than three (3) of which can be dogs.

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Dog or Cat in Heat ~ ORDINANCE # 11-0113

It shall be the duty of the owner of any female dog or cat in heat to keep said dog or cat securely confined on the owner's premise.

Rabies ~ ORDINANCE # 11-0120

Any dog or cat suspected of having rabies that bites a person or another animal will be impounded or quarantined for a period of not less than ten (10) days at the owner's expense.

License Fees ~ ORDINANCE # 11-0108

Any dog or cat over six (6) months of age **must be licensed**. The license is due January 1 of each calendar year and is good for that year only.

It is non-transferable and non-refundable.

Non-spayed neutered dogs or cats:	\$17.00
Spayed/Neutered dogs or cats:	\$5.00

After March 1 of each year, a \$1.00 per month late fee is added to the initial license fee.

Licenses may be acquired at the Grand Forks Finance Department (City Hall) 255 4th St. N., Grand forks during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

TO ACQUIRE A LICENSE, YOU NEED:

Certified proof from a veterinarian showing the animal HAS current rabies vaccination (*Ordinance #11-0105*). Owners of spayed/neutered animals must also have certified proof from a veterinarian that their animal has been altered.

ORDINANCE # 11-0107

Both license and rabies tags must be worn at ALL times.

REMEMBER: The wearing of tags greatly increases your animal's chance of being reunited with you.

... If you own a dog or cat
...Live within the Grand Forks City Limits

Be Aware of your Obligations



<http://www.grandforksgov.com/police>

A message from your local animal control officers and the Grand Forks Police Community Service Officers

Grand Forks Police Department: (701) 787-8000 122 S 5 th St, Grand Forks ND 58203
Grand Forks Finance Department: (701) 746-2620 255 N 4 th St, Grand Forks ND 58203

This publication contains an overview of Grand Forks municipal animal control laws. For a complete review of animal control laws in Grand Forks, please refer to Chapter 11 of the Grand Forks City Code.

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Leash Law ~ ORDINANCE 11-0121

All dogs shall be kept under restraint either by leash, cord, chain, electronic/invisible fence, or by being kept in an enclosure; provided, however, that all dogs owned or used by local, state or federal governmental bodies, while in active duty or during training, and under the supervision of a peace officer, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs used in active law enforcement duty or during training under the supervision of an authorized law enforcement officer.

**The Leash Law -
But Why, My Dog...**



- Comes when I call it
- Never leaves MY YARD
- Is professionally trained
- Won't urinate or defecate when on a leash
- Would never be distracted and run after a person
- Never exhibits vicious behavior
- Barks when it is chained up
- Only goes out for a minute
- Is too old/young to be on a leash

The leash law is designed to protect...

You, Your Dog and Others.

- **The leash must be a physical leash.**
- **An electronic control devise is not sufficient when not on your own property.**

FINES & PENALTIES

Violations shall be punished by a fine of up to one thousand dollars per incident. **ORDINANCE # 11-0128**

ANIMAL RELATED OFFENSES	CITY CODE	BOND/ FINES
Barking Dogs Prohibited (1 st offense)	11-0116	\$ 51
Barking Dogs Prohibited (2 nd or more in 3 years)	11-0116	MA
Cruelty to Animals	11-0214	MA
Dangerous Animal	11-0302	MA
Dog/Cat at Large (1 st in 3 yrs)	11-0112	\$ 31
Dog/Cat at Large (2 nd or more in 3 yrs)	11-0112	MA
License Required (Dogs and Cats older than 6 Months)	11-0102	\$ 31
Resisting/Hindering CSO/ Police Impounding a Dog/Cat	11-0212	\$ 201
Leash Law(1st offense)	11-0121	\$ 31
Leash Law (2nd or more in 3 years)	11-0121	MA
Sanitary Conditions, Failure to Maintain	11-0215	MA
Too Many Dogs in a Dwelling	11-0123	\$ 51
Too Many Dogs in a Dwelling (> 1 offense in 3yrs.)	11-0123	MA
Duty of animal owners to be responsible	11-0122	MA

- **MA = Mandatory Court Appearance.**
- **Fines are subject to change.**

Impound ~ ORDINANCE 11-0112

Some situations may require the animal to be impounded until the pet owner who is in violation of one or more provisions of the City Code resolves the incident(s) with the appropriate authorities.

Any dog or cat running or being at large within the City of Grand Forks shall be deemed and be considered to be a public nuisance and shall be impounded in a suitable place provided by the city. Information as to the records of all dogs and cats impounded will be available to the public at all times upon request to the police or finance department. The owner of any impounded dog or cat, if known, shall be notified by the police department by personal, telephone, or written notice, as soon as reasonably possible.

Before animals can be released back to their owners, the animal must be properly licensed, and all applicable fees (including a \$35 impound fee) must be paid at the Grand Forks City Finance Department at City Hall (255 North 4th Street) during regular business hours—Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If the dog or cat is not redeemed by the owner within four (4) days after impounding, the police chief shall cause said dog or cat to be destroyed or delivered to the Grand Forks Humane Society; or the police chief may cause such dog or cat to be delivered to another person, not the original owner, upon payment of the assessment of penalty fees as provided by the preceding section.

