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The Village of East Dundee Reminds Residents of Municipal Dog Ordinance to Ensure a Safe Community

The Village of East Dundee is issuing a friendly reminder to all dog owners and residents about the municipal dog ordinance that was put into effect on 05-04-20. The ordinance was established to enhance public safety, promote responsible pet ownership, and ensure the welfare of our canine companions within the community.

As the weather warms and more of our residents and their pets enjoy the outdoors, it's important to remember the key components of the ordinance to maintain the quality of life in East Dundee. Compliance not only supports a safe and clean environment but also prevents potential fines and penalties.

Key aspects of the dog ordinance include:

Leash Requirements: Dogs must be leashed at all times in public spaces. This ensures the safety of both pets and community members. The leash can be no longer than 8 feet in length.

Waste Disposal: Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs on all public and private property. This crucial aspect of the ordinance keeps our community clean and reduces health risks.

Limitation on Number of Dogs and Cats: A total of not more than three dogs or three cats or any combination thereof, such that the cumulative total shall not exceed four, is permitted to be or remain in or about any single-family detached residence, building or lot. Only one dog or cat is allowed in any multiple housing unit. This only applies to dogs or cats over 3 months old.

Barking and Nuisance Control: Owners must address excessive barking and other nuisance behaviors to avoid disturbing the peace. Repeated violations could lead to fines.

Dangerous Dogs and Safety Measures: The Police Chief has the authority to deem a dog dangerous if the dog, when unmuzzled, unleashed, or unattended by its owner or

custodian, behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses a serious and unjustified imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to a person or a companion animal in a public place, including menacing behavior. A dog deemed dangerous by the Police Chief will require the owner to abide by additional restrictions as detailed in the Village's ordinance.

East Dundee Village President Lynam emphasizes the importance of these regulations, stating, "Our animal control ordinance is crucial for ensuring that East Dundee remains a safe, clean, and friendly community for everyone. We appreciate the cooperation of all dog owners in following these guidelines and helping to promote responsible pet ownership."

Village residents and visitors are highly encouraged to report violations of the Animal Control Ordinance. It is especially important that victims of aggressive dog behavior report these incidents to the East Dundee Police Department.

The Village of East Dundee is committed to providing resources and support to help residents comply with the dog ordinance. For more information about the ordinance, please visit: <u>§ 92.03</u> ADOPTION OF KANE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE. (amlegal.com)

We also welcome any questions or concerns regarding the ordinance and encourage residents to reach out to Police Chief Fourdyce via email at jfourdyce@eastdundee.net.

About East Dundee:

The Village of East Dundee is dedicated to fostering a community that prioritizes the health, safety, and welfare of both its human and animal residents. Through comprehensive legislation and active community engagement, East Dundee continues to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.