

Chapter 6 - ANIMALS

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Secs. 6-1 – 6.18 - Reserved

ARTICLE II. - DOGS

Sec. 6-19. - License required.

(a) Each dog belonging to a resident in the Town shall be licensed once every three years by the Town Clerk-Treasurer. The license fee shall be Ten dollars (\$10.00). As a condition to the granting of a license the owner shall produce evidence that the dog has been inoculated against rabies. No dog shall be allowed or kept in the Town for Fifteen days or longer without a license. Any unlicensed dog or dog whose license is revoked may be removed from the Town by a security officer and appropriately disposed of. Upon receipt by the Town Council of Two or more written complaints from individual householders of the Town within One year, against a specific dog, the Town Council may in its discretion fine the owner of the dog or revoke the license of said dog or place the dog's license on probationary status, the length of the probationary period to be determined by the Council. If placed on probationary status, the condition(s) for retaining said dog's license may be One or more of the following:

- (1) That the dog be kept on a leash at all times.
- (2) That the dog be muzzled at all times.
- (3) That the dog be confined to the owner's premises at all times.

(b) Any dog that bites a human being, not an intruder with malicious intent on the property of the resident, shall have its license revoked (A bite is defined as any breaking of the skin by a dog's teeth). If the dog bite occurs on the premises of the dog's owner, the Town Council may in its discretion, after investigation, stay the revocation of the dog's license and take whatever action thereunder it deems appropriate.

(c) The following shall be considered offenses for which the dog's owner shall be in violation of this section and shall be subject to the fines set forth in section 6-20

- (1) Failing to exercise proper care of the dog resulting in fouling of public or private property.
- (2) Disturbing the peace by loud and continuous barking; or damaging the flora on private property.

(3) Appearing in any public place while not under the direct personal control of the owner and without a valid license issued by the Town Clerk-Treasurer. All unlicensed dogs must be leashed at all times while on Town property..

(4) Establishing any vicious, aggressive, obnoxious behavior.

(Ord 2009-2)

Sec. 6-20. - Penalty.

Any person who violates this chapter, or any section or provision hereof, shall be liable to pay a fine or penalty of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be recovered in an action brought in the name of the Town against such violator before a Justice of the Peace or in the Porter Circuit Court. Every violation of every section and provision hereof shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation hereof and shall render the violator liable to pay a fine or penalty of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate violation.

Secs. 6-21 – 6-43 – Reserved

ARTICLE III. - HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING [2]

⁽²⁾ **Cross reference**— Environmental preservation, § 14-19 et seq.

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 6-44. - Hunting, fishing, trapping, discharge of firearms prohibited.

Except as expressly set forth in this article, it is unlawful to hunt, fish, trap or fire any gun (including a BB gun) within the Town limits.

(Ord. No. 85; Ord. No. 97-1, § 1, 1-14-1997)

Secs. 6-45 – 6-61 – Reserved

DIVISION 2. - DEER [3]

⁽³⁾ **State Law reference**— Control of deer population, landowner assistance program, IC 14-22-6-14.

Sec. 6-62. - Permissible hunting.

Hunting shall be permitted within the Town limits, provided that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) Such hunting shall be for the sole and express purpose of acting to cull or reduce the local deer population in the Town.
- (2) Such hunting shall be conducted solely by such hunter or hunters pursuant to authority expressly granted and approved by the Town Council of the Town from time to time, as part of a plan approved by the Town Council for culling or reducing the local deer population upon determining that such action is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the Town and its citizens and residents.
- (3) Such hunting shall be permitted only on such public lands owned by the Town as may be authorized by the Town Council from time to time, as part of a plan approved by the Town Council for culling or reducing the local deer population. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, such hunting may be conducted on public or private lands within the municipal boundaries of the Town which are not owned by the Town provided that the hunter or hunters:
 - a. Obtain the written consent of the landowner and such neighboring landowners as deemed necessary by the Town Council, from time to time, for the reasonable protection of the residents of the Town; and
 - b. Provide proof of such consent to the Town Council prior to conducting the hunt.
- (4) Such hunting shall occur solely in accordance with such procedures or requirements, and on such date and at such time, as may be established and approved by the Town Council from time to time, as part of a plan approved by the Town Council for culling or reducing the local deer population.
- (5) Any such hunts or hunting, and any plan for culling or reducing the local deer population established from time to time by the Town Council, shall be subject to and in full compliance with any and all applicable state or federal laws, rules or regulations, including without limitation any and all requirements of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources pertaining to the conduct of such hunt and/or the licensing of such hunter or hunters.

(Ord. No. 97-1, § 1, 1-14-1997)