

VILLAGE OF MAURICE

ORDINANCE 17-5

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF DOGS AND CATS ROAMING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MAURICE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Maurice, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Village that: The Village of Maurice, Louisiana does hereby enact ordinance 17-5 as follows:

1. Dogs and cats running at large.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring or maintaining a dog or cat to allow or permit the animal to run at large on any road, street or other public place or on any unenclosed land or to trespass upon lands of another within the boundaries of the village of Maurice.

B. Any person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring or maintaining a dog shall keep the dog inside the residence or within a fenced enclosure in the yard of the property.

2. Seizure of dogs and cats running at large.

A. Any citizen may and the police officers of this Village or any law enforcement or animal control officer of the state, parish, ward, or village shall seize a dog or cat found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and running at large on any road, street or other public place or trespassing on any premises other than the premises of the owner.

3. Impoundment.

Any dog or cat seized under this ordinance shall be impounded at the parish animal shelter. If the dog is wearing a collar bearing a tag showing the name and address of its owner, animal shelter personnel shall make reasonable attempts to notify the owner of the dog at the telephone number or address disclosed by identification on the dog's collar that the dog has been seized and impounded. The owner or keeper of the dog shall within four days from receipt of notice, claim the dog and pay a boarding fee of \$10 for each day during which the seized dog or cat has remained impounded together with the seizure fee of \$10. If the dog or cat is unclaimed after four days, dog or cat shall be disposed of any humane manner. If the dog or cat wears no collar and its owner or keeper is unknown, the dog or cat shall remain impounded for four days, after which time it shall be disposed of in any humane manner.

4. Failure to pay impoundment fees

If the impoundment fees are not paid as provided in this section, the impounded dog or cat shall be disposed of in any humane manner.

WHEREUPON, the above ordinance was read section by section and was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Alderwoman Phyllis Johnson, Alderman Kenneth Picard and Alderwoman Sherry Johnson

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: None

The above Ordinance was declared adopted on this 17th day of May, 2017, at Maurice, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, to become effective upon publication.

THE VILLAGE OF MAURICE

**BY: s/Wayne Theriot
WAYNE THERIOT, Mayor**

**BY: s/Melanie Denais
MELANIE DENAIS, Clerk**

CERTIFICATE

I, **Melanie Denais**, Village Clerk of the Village of Maurice, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Maurice duly assembled in Maurice, Louisiana, on the 17th day of May, 2017, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

Signed on this 6th day of June, 2017, at Maurice, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

VILLAGE OF MAURICE
BY: s/Melanie Denais
MELANIE DENAIS, Village Clerk