

Below is the section of the Town ordinances that cover dogs and kennels. The proposed additional language to the ordinances is underlined. Any language that is to be removed from the current ordinance is struck through.

3.601 – TITLE

ANIMALS

A. DEFINITIONS

1. “Animal: includes every living:
 - a. Warm-blooded creature, except a human being;
 - b. Reptile; or
 - c. Amphibian
2. **Owner.** Any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal.
3. **Kennel.** Any establishment where dogs are kept
 - a. **Private Kennel.** Any premises as defined in the Town of Pittsfield Ordinances, on which four or more dogs, six months or older, are kept or harbored as pets, and not for selling, boarding, showing, treating, grooming, or other commercial purposes
 - b. **Commercial Kennel.** Commercial Kennel means any place where the business of keeping, raising, selling, boarding, breeding, showing, treating, or grooming of dogs and other animals is conducted, including pet shops, animal hospitals, and other similar establishment.
4. **At Large.** Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under the control of a competent person.
5. **Restraint.** A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this section if it is controlled by a leash, and obedient to that person’s commands on/or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.
6. **Spayed Female Dog.** Any female dog which has been operated upon to prevent conception.
7. **Neutered Male Dog.** Any male dog which has been operated upon to prevent conception.

8. **Pound.** Any premises designated by the Town Board for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals found running at large or in violation of this section.
9. **Exposed to Rabies.** An animal has been exposed to rabies within the meaning of this section if it has been bitten by, or come in contact with, any animal known to have been infected with rabies.

3.602 – DOG LICENSE LICENSES REQUIRED.

1. KENNELS

- a. **Commercial Kennel License.** Every person operating a commercial kennel shall annually obtain from the Town Treasurer, upon authorization by the Town Board, a commercial kennel license. Commercial kennel licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the licensed premises. All commercial kennels are subject to inspection by Town Board representative.
- b. **Private Kennel License.** Every person operating or maintaining a private kennel shall annually obtain from Town Treasurer, upon authorization by the Town Board, a private kennel license.

All fees will be established by the Town Board and shall be paid to the Town Treasurer. Kennel license fee is per Town's fee schedule.

Licenses can be reviewed and revoked or denied by the Town Board upon complaint of nuisance.

2. General Provisions Governing Kennels

The following provisions shall apply to all Kennels located in the Town of Pittsfield as either a permitted or conditional use:

- a. **All kennels shall provide adequate indoor housing for 100% capacity of animals kept on the premises. Such housing shall be adequately ventilated, cooled and heated to provide a year-round quality living environment for the animals kept on the property. The adequacy of the ventilation, cooling and heating required shall be dependent on the breed of animal that is kept on the premises. In the case of multiple breeds the facility may require sectioning to provide differing provisions of ventilation, cooling and heating.**

- b. No animals shall be kept in any outdoor commercial facility between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- c. All outdoor facilities shall be maintained to provide a clean, sanitary environment for the animals being kept and to eliminate odor from leaving the property and as much as possible on-site.
- d. All kennels shall operate within full compliance of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 174 "DOGS"

3. Regulation and Licensing of Dog Required.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person in the Town of Pittsfield to own, harbor, or keep any dog, more than 5 months of age without complying with the provisions of Section 174.09, Wis. Stats., relating to the listing, licensing, and tagging of the same. There is hereby imposed a Dog license fee, payable to the Town Treasurer which includes a dog license tax imposed under Section 174.05(2) and (3), Wis. Stats.. An annual dog license fee as outlined in the Town Fee Schedule shall be paid for the following reasons:
 - 1. each spayed or neutered dog
 - 2. each non-spayed or non-neutered dog
- b. Late Fees. The Town Treasurer shall assess and collect a late fee as outlined in the Fee schedule from every owner of a dog 5 months of age or older if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year or within 30 days of acquiring before the dog reached licensable age.
- c. Lost License Tag. In the event that a license tag issued for a dog shall be lost, the owner may obtain a duplicate tag from the Town Treasurer upon the payment as outlined in the Fee Schedule.
- d. Change of Ownership. If there is a change of ownership of a licensed dog or kennel during the license year, the new owner may have the current license transferred to his name upon the payment of a transfer fee as outlined in the Fee Schedule.
- e. Transfer Prohibited. No person shall use for any animal a license receipt or license tag issued for another animal.
- f. Kennel License Option. The owners of kennels pay a license fee, as outlined in the Fee schedule, per kennel of 12 dogs or less and additional fees in accordance with section 3.602 (1) of this code. The Town

Treasurer shall issue tags for each dog owned by the kennel owner, as provided in section 174.053 Wis. Stats.

The fine for failure to apply for the proper permit or to follow the conditions set forth in any portion of this Ordinance by the Town Board may result in a fine of \$20 - \$500 and/or revocation of any license or permit.

~~No person shall own, harbor or keep any dog within the Town unless the dog is licensed as provided by Chapter 174.05, Wisconsin Statutes.~~

CHANGES TO FEE SCHEDULE

Fee Schedule

<u>Kennel License (up to first 12 dogs)</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Kennel License Charge per dog above 12</u>	<u>\$5.00 per dog</u>
<u>Spayed or Neutered Individual Dog License</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Non-spayed/neutered Dog License</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Late Fee</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Lost License Duplicate</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Change of Ownership/License Transfer</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>