
Joliet Township
Will County, Illinois

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ORDINANCE NO. 406-2025

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE DOGS FOUND
RUNNING AT LARGE**

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WHEREAS, Section 30-110 of the Township Code (the “Code”)(60 ILCS 1/30-110) states that the Township electors may “authorize the impounding of dogs found running at large and provide for their destruction at the end of a reasonable period of time if they are not claimed and the cost of impounding paid;” and

WHEREAS, Section 30-190 of the Code (60 ILCS 1/30-190) states, “The electors may make all by-laws, rules, and regulations deemed necessary to carry into effect the powers granted in this Article 30 and may impose fines deemed proper;” and

WHEREAS, the electors of the Township deem it conducive and in the best interest of the Township’s inhabitants to regulate dogs running at large, consistent with the Code and as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ELECTORS OF JOLIET TOWNSHIP DULY ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JOLIET TOWNSHIP, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS.

That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

SECTION 2. DOGS FOUND RUNNING AT LARGE.

- A. Dogs running at large prohibited.** No person shall cause or permit any dog owned, kept, or under supervision by them to run at large within the limits of Joliet Township. Any dog found upon any public street, sidewalk, alley, parkway, unenclosed place, or private

property without permission of the property owner shall be deemed running at large unless the dog is securely held on a leash or is in an enclosed vehicle.

B. Penalties.

1. Any person who violates this Section shall be subject to the following penalties:
first violation within the last twelve months: \$25 fine; second violation within the last twelve months: \$50 fine; third or more violation within the last twelve months: \$100 fine. Upon issuance of a violation, the fine shall be paid within 14 days. Failure to pay the fine in 14 days shall result in an ordinance violation and summons being filed with the Circuit Court and served upon the offender. Once an Ordinance Violation is filed, the minimum fine assessed in Court shall be no less than double the initial fine amount and no more than \$750.
2. A dog found running at large may be impounded if an owner is not readily located. A dog found running at large a second or subsequent time may be impounded and may be sterilized or caused to be sterilized by the Joliet Township Animal Control.
3. In addition to the fines set forth above, a person who violates this Section shall also pay for the costs for any and all costs assessed by Joliet Township Animal Control in connection with the impoundment, including but not limited to storage costs, food and water costs, veterinary care costs, and administration costs.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect

SECTION 4. REPEALER

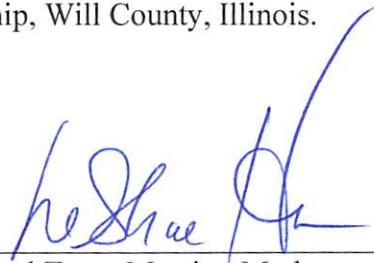
Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be effective after its passage, approval and publication in a manner provided by law. Specifically, the Township Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published within 20 days after its adoption by posting it in three public places in the Town, and by causing it to be placed in a newspaper published in the Township.


ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2025 by the Electors of the Joliet Township, duly assembled at the Annual Town Meeting of Joliet Township, Will County, Illinois.

APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025.



Annual Town Meeting Moderator

ATTEST:



Estefany Bonilla, Township Clerk