



Agenda

Public Safety Meeting

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa

5:30 PM

September 25, 2023

Oelwein, Iowa

Mayor: Brett DeVore

Mayor Pro Tem: Lynda Payne

Council Members: Karen Seeders, Tom Stewart, Matt Weber, Dave Garrigus, Dave Lenz

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussions

1. Consideration of a motion declaring Meike's dog vicious.
2. Consideration of a motion declaring Lillibridge's dog vicious.

Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for Council meetings should notify the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 319-283-5440

Oelwein Police Department

501 Rock Island Road
Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Jeremy P. Logan
Chief of Police

Date: 08/08/2023

Name of Dog Owner: Arthur & Sherry Meike
Address of Dog Owner: 22 3rd Avenue NE Oelwein, IA
Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Dear: Arthur & Sherry

This letter is to formally advise you that your dog that you possess, a mix Great Dane/American Shastina is in violation of Section 19-26 of the Oelwein City Code. This section specifically describes and outlines procedures for the handling of vicious dogs.

On August 7th, 2023 your dog, Charlie, a mix Great Dane and American Shastina got out of your fenced in area and went into the neighbor's yard. During this time, Charlie did bite or attack the neighbor's dog causing injury to the head of that animal. Based on information obtained from your neighbor, this is not the first time Charlie has gone after/attacked the neighbor's dog in which the attack was unprovoked.

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Thank you for your time and anticipated expeditious response to this matter.

Respectfully,



2nd Lieutenant Shannon Cox
33-127
Oelwein Police Department

Enc. Vicious Animal Ordinance of the City of Oelwein.

Cc: Chief of Police, City Hall, File 23-050994

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B. The owner or keeper shall cause the vicious dog to be identified by means of a special blaze orange collar visible from a distance of 100 feet, which the dog must wear at all times.

C. The owner or keeper shall display a sign on his or her premises warning that there is a vicious dog on the premises. Said sign shall be visible and capable of being read from the public highway.

D. The owner or keeper shall sign a statement attesting that:

1. The owner or keeper shall maintain and not voluntarily cancel the liability insurance required by this section during the twelve (12) month period for which licensing is sought, unless the owner or keeper shall cease to own or keep the vicious dog prior to expiration of such license.

2. The owner or keeper shall, on or prior to the effective date of such license for which application is being made, have an enclosure for the vicious dog on the property where the vicious dog will be kept or maintained.

3. The owner or keeper shall notify the licensing authority and the animal control warden immediately if a vicious dog is on the loose, is unconfined, has attacked another animal or has attacked a human being, or has died or has been sold or given away. If the vicious dog has been sold or given away the owner or keeper shall also provide the licensing authority with the name, address and telephone number of the new owner of the vicious dog.

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2. The Animal control Officer is hereby empowered to make whatever inquiry is deemed necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and any such officer is hereby empowered to seize and impound any vicious dog whose owner or keeper fails to comply with the provisions hereof.

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In the event that the owner or keeper of the dog refuses to surrender the animal to the officer, the officer may request a police officer to obtain a search warrant to seize the dog upon execution of the warrant.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, any person in possession of a vicious dog upon the effective date of this ordinance shall have fourteen days to amend any current license application to show compliance with Section 19-29 of this code.

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All vicious dogs shall be confined in an enclosure. It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper to maintain a vicious dog upon any premises which does not have a locked enclosure.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper to allow any vicious dog to be outside of the dwelling of the owner or keeper or outside of the enclosure unless it is necessary for the owner or keeper to obtain veterinary care for the vicious dog or to sell or give away the vicious dog or to comply with commands or directions of the animal control warden with respect to the vicious dog, or to comply with the provisions of Section 19-27(3) of this Chapter. In such event, the vicious dog shall be securely muzzled and restrained with a chain having a minimum tensile strength of three hundred (300) pounds and not exceeding three feet (3') in length, and shall be under the direct control and supervision of the owner or keeper of the vicious dog.

SECTION 19-31. PURPOSE OR INTENT - - HARBORING.

No person shall own or harbor any dog for the purpose of dog fighting, or train, torment, badger, bait or use any dog for the purpose of causing or encouraging said dog to unprovoked attacks upon human beings or domestic animals. No person shall possess with intent to sell, or offer for sale, breed, or buy or attempt to buy within the city any vicious dog.

SECTION 19-32. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

1. Any owner or keeper of a dog violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a municipal infraction. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by the violator, constitutes a separate offense.

2. If any dog previously declared to be a vicious dog, shall, when unprovoked, attack, assault, bite or otherwise injure any human being or assist in attacking, assaulting, biting or otherwise injuring any human being while out of or within the enclosure of the owner or keeper of such vicious dog, or while otherwise, on or off the property of the owner or keeper whether or not such vicious dog was on a leash and securely muzzled or whether the vicious dog escaped without fault of the owner or keeper, the owner or keeper of such dog shall be guilty of a municipal infraction. It is rebuttably presumed as a matter of law that the owning, keeping or harboring of a vicious dog in violation of this chapter is a nuisance. It shall not be necessary, in order to sustain any such action, to prove that the owner or keeper of such vicious dog knew that such vicious dog possessed the propensity to cause such damage or that the vicious dog had a vicious nature. Upon such attack or assault, the Animal Control Officer is empowered to confiscate and, after expiration of a five (5) day waiting period exclusive of Sundays and holidays, shall destroy said vicious dog.

Jennifer Lamphier's Statement

Item 1.

On 8-7-23, my son Nolan, daughter Rylee, and myself were sitting in my driveway while my dogs enjoyed the outside. My 13 year old Teddybear Wapoo, 18 lbs, was hooked up on her cord. My German Shepard had her Shock collar on. The neighbors dog came running out of their house and went under fence and grabbed my little dog by her head and bit. She started crying. My son and I ran over while the guy dog sitting pulled him off our dog. He got their dog back in the house while we took ours in to look them over. We found a hole that was bleeding on the top of her head. I called the police, then our vet. We ended up taking her in and they glued her head. They didn't want to stitch cause they didn't want to take

the chance for an infection. The vet said our dog was lucky he didn't bite under her neck.

This is not the first time the dog has bitten. Their dog got out the front door once and ran to our front yard and bit my German Shepherd and she was only a few months old.

The second time he got out from under their fence and bit my German Shepherd on her paw and drew blood that time. We told the neighbors if it happens again we will call the cops.

If you have any questions, please contact me.
563-608-2585

City Council:

I would like to request an appeal of the five day limit to remove our dog. We can't find a suitable home for Charlie in that short time frame. Charlie was ~~pe~~ provoked by the neighbors white German Shepard numerous times. We understand that Charlie was wrong in going under our chain link fence and biting their dog.

We fully intend to remove Charlie but 5 days is an undesirable length of time. Please give us more time to complete this process. Charlie will be with me when he is in our back yard at all times.

Charlie is not a vicious dog. He loves people and will let anyone pet him whether he is on a walk or in the car or at home, including when officer 2nd liett. Shannon Cox met Charlie during the serving of our papers.

Thank You

Sherry W. Mike

319-238-2899

City of Delwein

We, Arthur & Sherry Meike want to appeal the charge of vicious dog. Our dog, Charlie is not a mean dog the neighbors white german shepherd charges our fence to prevoke Charlie an runs away leaving the little shitzue ~~is left~~ on a chain. We know that Charlie is in the wrong but does not deserve to die. We are reinforcing our fence so he cant get under it and have purchased a fence covering to prevent the dogs from seeing each other We will always be out with Charlie. We have been in the

past since the last time Charlie
bit neighbors dog. But we were
not home on the last incident
do to Arthur having surgery.

Thank You
Arthur and Sherry
Meike

Deputy Clerk

From: J Lightninglegs <jlightninglegss@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 9:41 PM
To: Deputy Clerk
Subject: Vicious dog appeal

Hi my name is Josh Lillibridge and I was wondering if I could make an appeal, because my dog jumped the fence at a dog park and attacked another dog. Before that their dog was charging at the fence trying to intimidate my dog, my dog not usually aggressive but since I got 2 pups he became more defensive. I took him to the dog park before and he gets a long well with bother dogs, this is the first incident that I had with him being aggressive.

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Date: 08/28/2023

Name of Dog Owner: Joshua Lillibridge
Address of Dog Owner: 102 8th Ave NW Apt 12C
Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Dear Joshua Lillibridge:

This letter is to formally advise you that your dog that you possess, a black lab mix is in violation of Section 19-26 of the Oelwein City Code. This section specifically describes and outlines procedures for the handling of vicious dogs.

Narative: On 08/26/2023 at approximately 19:05 hours, Todd Fisher was at the City Dog Park located at the Oelwein City Park. While in one of the enclosures with his small dog, you and your three dogs were in a separate enclosure. One of your dogs, a black lab mix, hopped over one of the fenced enclosures at the City Dog Park and attacked Todd Fisher and his small dog. Todd's dog suffered a puncture wound and scratches on its body from your dog. While attempting to shield his dog from your black lab, Todd's shirt was torn and he suffered two scratch wounds which drew blood.

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Officer: Ward, 33-130
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Cc: Chief of Police, City Hall, File 23-051262

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