

OTHER ANIMAL RELATED LAWS

Persons having more than three cats and/or dogs over five months of age must have an Animal Fancier Permit. Applications are obtained by calling the Department of Neighborhood Services at 286-5771. There is an annual fee and a mandatory inspection of the property. For a complete current listing of license and fee schedules visit www.city.milwaukee.gov/dns and go to the Environmental Section.

LITTER

No matter what you call animal litter, feces, droppings, or poop it must be cleaned up by the owner and/or person walking the animal. Litter must be removed immediately from all areas, whether private or public property, including median strips, parks, schools, or playgrounds. Commercial or home-made "pooper scoopers" may be used. For disposal, droppings should be wrapped and put into the owner's garbage cart.

- Owners (and/or those walking the animals) may be ticketed when animal litter offenses are observed by Police or Department of Neighborhood Services employees.
- Citizens observing litter incidents can report them to the Department of Neighborhood Services at 286-2268. Be sure to provide the address of the animal owner.

NOISY ANIMALS

It is illegal to keep animals that habitually disturb the peace. Persons disturbed by such noise must make a signed written report to the Department of Neighborhood Services, 4001 S. 6th St., 2nd Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53221 and be willing to testify in court if the owner ignores an order to stop the noise. Additional information is available by calling 286-2268.



LICENSES

All dogs and cats over five months of age are required to be licensed each calendar year. Proof of current rabies immunization must be shown when applying for a license. Low cost rabies vaccinations, applications and licenses are available from the **Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC)** at 649-8640. Visit them at 3839 W. Burnham St., West Milwaukee, WI 53215 or go to their website at www.madacc.org. License fees are cheaper for neutered than un-neutered dogs and cats. All licenses expire December 31st. Late fees apply after March 31st. For current City of Milwaukee license fees visit www.madacc.org and look under **Services**.

- Owners of unlicensed dogs and cats may be ticketed when the violation is noted by Police or Department of Neighborhood Services employees.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE PITBULL AND ROTTWEILER ORDINANCE



Requirements for

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City of Milwaukee
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Milwaukee Property Data
available on the web at
<http://www.city.milwaukee.gov>





Requirements of the City of Milwaukee Pitbull and Rottweiler Ordinance

Chapter 78-22 of the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances places special requirements on owners of dogs that are one half or more American staffordshire terrier, staffordshire terrier, American Pitbull terrier, staffordshire bull terrier, miniature bull terrier or Rottweiler.

It is believed that dog owners who follow these requirements will reduce the likelihood that their dog will be involved in a bite. In addition, neighbors and people who pass by the dogs when in the yard or when being walked will be less likely to feel threatened by the dog.

Leash and training requirement

Any person who walks a Pitbull or Rottweiler dog must have it attached to a leash no longer than 6 ft. and must be at least 16 years old and able to control the animal. A person older than 16 who is of slight stature may not be able to control a large Rottweiler and may not walk the dog. The person must be competent to govern the dog and prevent it from annoying or worrying pedestrians or trespassing on property. In addition, the owner of the dog must attend a dog behavior class. These classes are offered by the **Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission**. Call 414-649-8640 or visit <http://www.madacc.org/> for details.

Fence or kennel requirements

The owner of a Pitbull or Rottweiler dog must have one of the following installed in their yard.

Option #1.

Install a fence that is sufficient to contain the dog. Sufficient height is determined on a case by case basis by a DNS inspector. Climbable objects may not be placed next to the fence if they may allow the dog to jump out of the yard.

The fence must be made of non-climbable material (such as stockade type fencing). The fence must be set at least 3 feet from any alley, sidewalk or other public right of way. If part of a fence system, a permit for the fence system is required. (See below.)

The dog may not be allowed to dig under the fence. Steps must be taken to prevent this from happening. Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in multiple citations being issued where penalties can exceed \$2000.

Note that a fence higher than 4 feet may not be installed in a front or side yard and 6 feet is the height maximum for a back yard fence. (Note that many dogs can climb standard chain link fences. If you install a chain link fence and your dog learns to climb it you will be required to replace it).

A permit is required to install a fence. For a fence permit, contact the City of Milwaukee Development Center at (414) 286-8210.

Option #2.

Install a kennel sufficient to contain the dog. The kennel must have a concrete floor. The fencing for the kennel must be non-climbable and may need to be higher than six feet if a doghouse is placed in the kennel, as the dog could climb onto the house and escape the kennel. This can be prevented by installing a securely attached roof on the kennel.

Chain link fencing with an attached roof is acceptable for a kennel. Pre-constructed kennels are available at larger hardware stores. When planning your kennel keep it at least three feet from the lot line, sidewalk or alley. Note that an approved shelter with bedding and a wind flap is required any time the dog is left outside for more than one hour. You should also consider placing the kennel in a place that will be shaded in the afternoon to provide relief for the dog during the summer.

Rottweilers and pitbulls must be placed in an approved kennel if left outside unless the yard is enclosed with a fence as described previously in option #1. For information on obtaining a permit to install a fence call (414) 286-8211.

For information on rules related to keeping Rottweilers and Pitbulls call (414) 286-5571.

