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Article 1 – General Misdemeanors

SECTION 3-101: OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or threaten to use violence, force, physical interference, or obstacle to intentionally obstruct, impair or hinder the enforcement of the penal law or the preservation of the peace by a peace officer acting under color of his or her official authority. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-906)

SECTION 3-102: RESISTING OR FAILING TO ASSIST OFFICER

It shall be unlawful for any person in this village to hinder, obstruct or resist any police officer in making any arrest or performing any duty of his or her office or to refuse or neglect to assist any such officer when called upon by him or her in making any arrest or conveying a prisoner to jail. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-903, 28-904)

SECTION 3-103: IMPERSONATING OFFICER

It shall be unlawful for any person to falsely pretend to be a peace officer and perform any act in that pretended capacity. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-610)

SECTION 3-104: FALSE REPORTING

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

A. Furnish material information he or she knows to be false to any peace officer or other official with the intent to instigate an investigation of an alleged criminal matter or impede the investigation of an actual criminal matter;

B. Furnish information he or she knows to be false, alleging the existence of the need for the assistance of an emergency medical service or out-of-hospital emergency care provider or an emergency in which human life or property are in jeopardy to any hospital, emergency medical service, or other person or governmental agency;

C. Furnish any information, or cause such information to be furnished or conveyed by electric, electronic, telephonic, or mechanical means, knowing the same to be false concerning the need for assistance of a fire department or any personnel or equipment of such department;

D. Furnish any information he or she knows to be false concerning the location of any explosive in any building or other property to any person;

E. Furnish material information he or she knows to be false to any governmental department or agency with the intent to instigate an investigation or to impede an

ongoing investigation and which actually results in causing or impeding such investigation.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-907)

SECTION 3-105: RESISTING ARREST WITHOUT THE USE OF A DEADLY OR DANGEROUS WEAPON

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally prevent or attempt to prevent a law enforcement officer, acting under color of his or her official authority, from effecting an arrest on said person or on another by (1) using or threatening to use physical force or violence against the said officer or another; (2) using any other means which creates a substantial risk of causing physical injury to the officer or another; or (3) employing means which require substantial force to overcome resistance to effecting the arrest; provided, this section shall apply only to those actions taken to resist arrest without the use of a deadly or dangerous weapon.

B. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section if the officer involved was out of uniform and did not identify himself or herself as a law enforcement officer by showing his or her credentials to the person whose arrest is attempted.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-904)

SECTION 3-106: CONCEALED WEAPON

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who carries a weapon or weapons concealed on or about his or her person such as a revolver, pistol, bowie knife, dirk or knife with a dirk blade attachment, brass or iron knuckles, or any other deadly weapon commits the offense of carrying a concealed weapon. This section shall not apply to a person who is the holder of a valid permit issued under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act if the concealed weapon which the offender is carrying is a handgun as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §69-2429. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-1202)

SECTION 3-107: DISCHARGE OF FIREARM

It shall be unlawful for any person, except an officer of the law in the performance of his or her official duty, to fire or discharge any gun or pistol within the village; provided, nothing herein shall be construed to apply to officially sanctioned public celebrations if the persons so discharging firearms have written permission from the Village Board. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-556)

SECTION 3-108: DISCHARGE OF SLINGSHOT, PAINTBALL GUN, BLOW GUN, AIR RIFLE OR SIMILAR INSTRUMENT

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a slingshot, paint ball gun, blow gun, air rifle or other like instruments capable of launching a dangerous projectile therefrom at any time or under any circumstances within the village, except that bow and arrow practice shall be allowed. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-207)

SECTION 3-109: STALKING

A. Any person who willfully harasses another person or a family or household member of such person with the intent to injure, terrify, threaten, or intimidate commits the offense of stalking.

B. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Harass" means to engage in a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously terrifies, threatens, or intimidates the person and which serves no legitimate purpose;
2. "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose, including a series of acts of following, detaining, restraining the personal liberty of or stalking the person or telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating with the person;
3. "Family or household member" means a spouse or former spouse of the victim, children of the victim, a person presently residing with the victim or who has resided with the victim in the past, a person who had a child in common with the victim, other persons related to the victim by consanguinity or affinity, or any person presently involved in a dating relationship with the victim or who has been involved in a dating relationship with the victim. For purposes of this subdivision, "dating relationship" means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement but does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context;

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-311.02, 28-311.03, 28-311.04)

SECTION 3-110: CRIMINAL TRESPASS

It shall be unlawful for any person, knowing that he or she is not licensed or privileged to do so:

A. To enter or secretly remain in any building or occupied structure, or any separately secured or occupied portion thereof; or

B. To enter or remain in any place as to which notice against trespass is given by (1) actual communication to the actor; or (2) posting in a manner prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders; or (3) fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to exclude intruders.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-520, 28-521)

SECTION 3-111: PUBLIC INDECENCY

It shall be unlawful for any person 18 years of age or over to perform, procure or assist any other person to perform in a public place and where the conduct may reasonably be expected to be viewed by members of the public:

A. An act of sexual penetration as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-318(5);

B. An exposure of the genitals of the body done with intent to affront or alarm any person; or

C. A lewd fondling or caressing of the body of any other person of the same or opposite sex.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-806)

SECTION 3-112: WINDOW PEEPING

It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon the premises of another and look or peep into any window, door or other opening in any building located thereon which is occupied as a place of abode.

SECTION 3-113: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

It shall be unlawful for any person to damage property of another intentionally or recklessly, tamper with property of another intentionally or recklessly so as to endanger person or property or cause another to suffer pecuniary loss by deception or threat intentionally or maliciously, provided that the value of the property involved is under \$5,000.00. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-519)

SECTION 3-114: THEFT

It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits to steal any money, goods, or chattels of any kind whatever. Any person who shall steal property of any kind, whether the same be property having a value of less than \$500.00, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-509 through 28-518)

SECTION 3-115: THREATS; ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly cause bodily injury to another person or threaten another in a menacing manner. It shall further be unlawful for any person to commit the above act in a fight or scuffle entered into by mutual consent. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-310)

SECTION 3-116: DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Any person who shall knowingly start a fight, fight, commit assault or battery, make unnecessary noise, or otherwise conduct himself in such a way as to breach the

peace shall be deemed to be guilty of an offense. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-556)

SECTION 3-117: DISTURBING AN ASSEMBLY

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to disturb, interrupt, or interfere with any lawful assembly of people, whether religious or otherwise, by loud and unnecessary noise, threatening behavior, or indecent and shocking behavior. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-556)

SECTION 3-118: DISTURBING THE PEACE

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally disturb the peace and quiet of any person, family or neighborhood. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-556, 28-1322)

SECTION 3-119: LOUD MUSIC, RECORDINGS, RADIOS AND SIMILAR DEVICES; EXCEPTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any radio, tape player, compact disc player, stereophonic sound system or similar device which reproduces or amplifies radio broadcasts or musical recordings in or upon any street, alley or other public place in such a manner as to be audible to other persons more than 50 feet from the source. Persons operating such devices while participating in licensed or permitted activities, such as parades, shall not be deemed in violation of this section.

SECTION 3-120: MISREPRESENTATION BY MINOR

It shall be unlawful for any minor, as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-102, to obtain or attempt to obtain alcoholic liquor by misrepresentation of age or by any other method in any tavern or other place where alcoholic liquor is sold. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-180.01, 53-180.05)

SECTION 3-121: MINOR IN POSSESSION

It shall be unlawful for any minor, as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-102, to transport, knowingly possess or have under his or her control in any motor vehicle, beer or other alcoholic liquor on any public street, alley, roadway or property owned by the state or any subdivision thereof or any other place within the village limits. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-180.02, 53-180.05)

SECTION 3-122: CURFEW

A. It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, or play in or upon any of the streets, roads, alleys or parks of the village or other places of public amusement or recreation therein after the hour of 1:00 a.m. and until the hour of 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

B. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, or any adult person having the legal care, custody, or control of any minor under the age of 18 years to allow or per-

mit such minor to loiter, wander, stroll, idle or play in or about any of the places designated in subsection (A) of this section after the hour of 1:00 a.m. and until the hour of 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

C. It is a defense to prosecution under subsections (A) and (B) that the minor was:

1. Accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other adult person having the legal care, custody, or control of such minor;
2. On an errand at the direction of the minor's parent, guardian, or other adult person having the legal care, custody, or control of such minor and was using a direct route;
3. In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;
4. Engaged in an employment activity, including but not limited to newspaper delivery, and was using a direct route;
5. Involved in an emergency;
6. On the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police officer about the minor's presence;
7. Attending an official school or religious activity or returning home by a direct route from an official school or religious activity;
8. Exercising first amendment rights protected by the U. S. constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or
9. Married, had been married, or was emancipated in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

SECTION 3-123: LITTERING

A. Any person who deposits, throws, discards, scatters, or otherwise disposes of any litter, refuse, waste matter or other thing on any public or private property or in any waters commits the offense of littering unless (1) such property is an area designated by law for the disposal of such material and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to so use such property; or (2) the litter is placed in a receptacle or container installed on such property for such purpose.

B. Whenever litter is thrown, deposited, dropped or dumped from any motor vehicle or watercraft in violation of this section, the operator of such motor vehicle or watercraft commits the offense of littering.

C. "Litter" as used in this section means all rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, trash, debris or other foreign substances, solid or liquid, of every form, size, kind and description, but does not include the wastes or primary processes of farming or manufacturing.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-123.01, 28-523)

SECTION 3-124: POSTING NOTICES

No person in the village shall fasten any poster or other advertising device in any way upon public or private property in the village unless legally authorized to do so.

SECTION 3-125: POSTED ADVERTISEMENTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to wrongfully and maliciously tear, deface, remove, or cover up the posted advertisement or bill of any person, firm, or corporation when said bill or advertisement is rightfully and lawfully posted and the same remains of value.

SECTION 3-126: APPLIANCES IN YARD

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a refrigerator, icebox, freezer, or any other dangerous appliance to be in the open and accessible to children, whether on private or public property, unless he or she shall first remove all doors and make the same reasonably safe. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720)

SECTION 3-127: OBSTRUCTING WATER FLOW

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop or obstruct the passage of water in a street gutter, culvert, water pipe or hydrant.

SECTION 3-128: INJURY TO TREES

It shall be unlawful for any person to purposely or carelessly and without lawful authority to cut down, carry away, injure, break down, or destroy any trees planted or growing in the corporate limits or their fruit. Any public service company desiring to trim or cut down any tree, except on property owned and controlled by it, shall make an application to the Village Board, and the written permit of the board in accordance with its decision to allow such an action shall constitute the only lawful authority on the part of the company to do so.

SECTION 3-129: DISEASED OR DYING TREES

A. It is hereby declared a nuisance for a property owner to permit, allow or maintain any dead or diseased trees within the right of way of streets or on private property within the corporate limits of the village.

B. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, any village official shall have the authority to enter upon private property to inspect the trees thereon.

C. Notice to abate and remove such nuisances and notice of the right to a hearing and the manner in which it may be requested shall be given to each owner or

owner's duly authorized agent and to the occupant, if any, by personal service or certified mail. Within 30 days after the receipt of such notice, if the owner or occupant of the lot or piece of ground does not request a hearing or fails to comply with the order to abate and remove the nuisance, the village may have such work done and may levy and assess all or any portion of the costs and expenses of the work upon the lot or piece of ground so benefited in the same manner as other special taxes for improvements are levied or assessed.

D. In the event the property owner is a nonresident of the county in which the property lies, the village shall, before levying any special assessment against that property, send a copy of any notice required by law to be published by means of certified mail, return receipt requested to the last known address of the nonresident property owner, which shall be that address listed on the current tax rolls at the time such required notice was first published.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720, 28-1321)

Article 2 – Dogs

SECTION 3-201: DEFINITIONS

“Animal control authority” shall mean an entity authorized to enforce the animal control laws of the village.

“Animal control officer” shall mean any individual employed, appointed or authorized by an animal control authority for the purpose of aiding in the enforcement of this act or any other law or ordinance relating to the licensing of animals, control of animals or seizure and impoundment of animals and shall include any state or local law enforcement or other employee whose duties in whole or in part include assignments that involve the seizure and impoundment of any animal.

“Owner” shall mean any person, firm, corporation, organization, political subdivision or department possessing, harboring, keeping or having control or custody of a dog; and specifically in reference to a collarless dog, every person who shall harbor such a dog about his or her premises for the space of ten days shall be held to be the owner. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-606, 71-4401)

SECTION 3-202: RABIES VACCINATION

Every dog shall be vaccinated against rabies pursuant to Nebraska law. Unvaccinated dogs acquired or moved into the village must be vaccinated within 30 days after purchase unless under the age for initial vaccination. The provisions of this ordinance with respect to vaccination shall not apply to any dogs owned by a person temporarily residing within this village for fewer than 30 days, any dog brought into this village for show purposes, or any dog brought into this village for hunting purposes for a period of fewer than 30 days; such dogs shall be kept under the strict supervision of the owner. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-4402)

SECTION 3-203: RABIES CERTIFICATE; LICENSING; FEE

A. Any person who shall own, keep, or harbor a dog over the age of six months within the village shall within 30 days after acquisition of the said dog acquire a license for each animal annually by or before May 1 each year. Application shall be made upon a printed form provided by the village, upon which the owner shall state his or her name and address and the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned and kept by him or her. A certificate stating that the dog has had a rabies shot, effective for the ensuing year of the license, shall be presented when the license is applied for and no license or tag shall be issued until the certificate is shown. If the dog has been spayed or neutered, a statement signed by a veterinarian verifying the spaying or neutering must be presented.

B. Upon payment of the license fee for each neutered animal and for each unneutered animal, as set by resolution of the Village Board and placed on file in the vil-

lage office, the village clerk shall issue to the dog owner a license certificate and a metallic tag for each animal so licensed. The village shall, in addition to the license tax imposed, collect from the licensee a fee of \$1.00. The clerk shall retain 3¢ from the said fee and remit the balance to the state treasurer for credit to the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Program Cash Fund. The 3¢ collected shall be credited to the general fund.

C. The said dog tax shall be delinquent from and after May 10; provided, the possessor of any dog brought into or harbored within the corporate limits subsequent to May 1 shall be liable for the payment of the dog tax levied herein and such tax shall be delinquent if not paid within 10 days thereafter.

D. The metallic tag shall be properly attached to the collar or harness of every dog so licensed and shall entitle the owner to keep or harbor the said animal until April 30 of the following year. Said licenses shall not be transferable and no refund will be allowed in case of death, sale, or other disposition of the licensed dog.

E. Every service animal shall be licensed but no license tax shall be charged. Upon the retirement or discontinuance of the animal as a service animal, the owner of the animal shall be liable for the payment of a license tax as prescribed herein.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526, 54-603)

SECTION 3-204: LOST TAG

In the event that a licensing tag is lost and upon satisfactory evidence that the original tag was issued in accordance with the provisions herein, the village clerk shall issue a duplicate or new tag for the balance of the year for which the license tax has been paid and shall charge and collect a fee set by resolution of the Village Board for each duplicate tag so issued. Such resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the village clerk for public inspection. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526, 54-603)

SECTION 3-205: WRONGFUL LICENSING

It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog to permit or allow such dog to wear any license, metallic tag or other village identification other than that issued by the village clerk, nor shall the owner, keeper, or harbinger wrongfully and knowingly license an unneutered dog with a license prescribed for a neutered dog.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526)

SECTION 3-206: REMOVAL OF LICENSE TAG

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed the collar, harness, or metallic tag from any licensed dog without the consent of the owner, keeper, or possessor thereof. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526)

SECTION 3-207: COLLAR AND NAME TAG REQUIRED

It shall be the duty of every owner of any dog to securely place upon the neck of such dog a good and sufficient collar with a metallic plate attached thereon which shall be plainly inscribed with the name of such owner. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-605)

SECTION 3-208: UNLICENSED DOGS

All dogs found running at large upon the streets and public grounds of the village without a license tag affixed as required in this article are hereby declared a public nuisance.

SECTION 3-209: RUNNING AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow such dog to run at large at any time within the corporate limits of the village. It shall be the duty of the animal control authority to cause any dog found to be running at large within the village to be taken up and impounded. "Running at large" shall mean a dog was found off the premises of the owner and not under control of the owner or a responsible person by leash, cord, chain, wire, rope, cage or other suitable means of physical restraint. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526, 54-607)

SECTION 3-210: DAMAGE; LIABILITY OF OWNER

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog owned, kept, or harbored by him or her or under his or her charge or control to injure or destroy any real or personal property of any description belonging to another person. The owner or possessor of any such dog, in addition to the usual judgment upon conviction, may be made to be liable to the persons so injured in an amount equal to the value of the damage so sustained. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720, 54-601, 54-602)

SECTION 3-211: BARKING AND OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any dog which by loud, continued, or frequent barking, howling, or yelping shall annoy or disturb any neighborhood or person or which habitually barks at or chases pedestrians, drivers, or owners of horses or vehicles while they are on any public sidewalks, streets, or alleys in the village. Upon the written complaint of two or more affected persons from different households, filed within any 30-day period with the village clerk, that any dog owned by the person named in the complaint is an annoyance or disturbance or otherwise violates the provisions of this section, the animal control officer shall investigate the complaint and, if in his or her opinion the situation warrants, shall notify the owner to silence and restrain such dog. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to the village animal shelter. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526)

SECTION 3-212: FEMALE IN SEASON

It is hereby declared unlawful for the owner, keeper, or harbinger of a female dog to permit her to run at large within the village while in season. Any such female dog found running at large in violation of this section shall be declared to be a public nuisance and as such may be impounded or killed according to the provisions herein. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526)

SECTION 3-213: FIGHTING

It shall be unlawful for any person, by agreement or otherwise, to set dogs to fighting or by any gesture or word to encourage the same to fight. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526)

SECTION 3-214: RABIES PROCLAMATION

It shall be the duty of the Village Board, whenever in its opinion the danger to the public safety from rabid dogs is great or imminent, to issue a proclamation ordering all persons owning, keeping, or harboring any dog or cat to muzzle the same or to confine it for a period of not less than 30 days or more than 90 days from the date of such proclamation or until such danger is past. The dog or cat may be harbored by any good and sufficient means in a house, garage, or yard on the premises wherein the owner may reside. Upon issuance of the proclamation, it shall be the duty of all persons owning, keeping, or harboring any dog or cat to confine the same as herein provided. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-526)

SECTION 3-215: RABIES SUSPECTED; IMPOUNDMENT

Any dog suspected of being afflicted with rabies or any dog not vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of this article which has bitten any person and caused an abrasion of the skin shall be seized and impounded under the supervision of the Board of Health for a period of no fewer than ten days. If, upon examination by a veterinarian, the dog has no clinical signs of rabies at the end of such impoundment, it may be released to the owner or, in the case of an unlicensed dog, it shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions herein. If the owner of the said dog has proof of vaccination, it shall be confined by the owner or some other responsible person for a period of at least ten days, at which time the dog shall be examined by a licensed veterinarian. If no signs of rabies are observed, the dog may be released from confinement. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-4406)

SECTION 3-216: PROHIBITED BREEDS; REGULATIONS*A. Definitions.*

1. "Owner," for purposes of this ordinance, is defined as any person who owns, possesses, keeps, exercises control over, maintains, harbors, transports or sells a Pit Bull dog.

2. Prohibited breeds shall include Rottweiler, Doberman, wolf hybrid and Pit Bull.
3. "Pit Bull dog" shall mean:
 - a. The Bull Terrier breed of dogs;
 - b. The Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed of dogs;
 - c. The American Pit Bull Terrier breed of dogs;
 - d. The American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dogs;
 - e. Any dog which has the appearance and dominant characteristics of being predominantly of the breeds of Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, or any other breed commonly known as Pit Bulls, Pit Bull dogs or Pit Bull Terriers, or a combination of any of these breeds.

B. *Veterinarian's Determination.* In the event that there is any question about whether the dog has the appearance and dominant characteristics of the above-described Pit Bulls, the dog shall be examined by a Nebraska licensed veterinarian and the opinion of such veterinarian shall be conclusive of such animal's predominant breed.

C. *Pit Bull Dogs Prohibited.* It is hereby determined to be a nuisance and unlawful for any person to acquire by any means and thereafter own, keep, harbor, or in any way possess a Pit Bull dog within the jurisdiction of the village.
(Ord. Nos. 04.01, 3/8/04; 8.10.09, 8/10/09)

SECTION 3-217: DANGEROUS DOGS; DEFINITIONS

"Dangerous dog" shall mean any dog that, according to the records of the animal control authority:

- A. Has killed or inflicted injury on a human being of public or private property:
- B. Has killed a domestic animal without provocation; or
- C. Has been previously determined to be a potentially dangerous dog by an animal control authority and the owner has received notice of such determination; and such dog again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.
- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a dog shall not be defined as a dangerous dog:
 1. If the threat, any injury that is not a severe injury, or the damage was sustained by a person who (a) at the time was committing a willful trespass as defined in state statutes or any other tort upon the property of the owner of the dog; (b) at the time was tormenting, abusing or assault-

ing the dog; (c) has in the past been observed or reported to have tormented or assaulted the dog; or (d) at the time was committing or attempting to commit a crime; or

2. If the dog is a trained dog assisting a police officer engaged in law enforcement duties.

“Domestic animal” shall mean a cat, a dog, or livestock.

“Medical treatment” means treatment administered by a physician or other licensed health care professional that results in sutures or surgery or treatment for one or more broken bones.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-617)

SECTION 3-218: DANGEROUS DOGS; CONFINED; WARNING SIGN

While unattended on the owner's property, a dangerous dog shall be securely confined in a humane manner indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure suitably designed to prevent the entry of young children and to prevent the dog from escaping. The pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top. If the pen or structure has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides shall be embedded into the ground. The pen or structure shall also protect the dog from the elements. The owner of a dangerous dog shall post a warning sign on the property where the dog is kept that is clearly visible and that informs persons that a dangerous dog is on the property. Each warning sign shall be no less than 10 inches by 12 inches and shall contain the words “Warning” and “Dangerous Animal” in high-contrast lettering at least 3 inches high on a black background. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-619)

SECTION 3-219: DANGEROUS DOGS; RESTRAINED

No owner of a dangerous dog shall permit the dog to go beyond the property of the owner unless the animal is restrained securely by a chain or leash. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-618)

SECTION 3-220: DANGEROUS DOGS; FAILURE TO COMPLY

Any dangerous dog may be immediately confiscated by an animal control officer if the owner is in violation of this article. The owner shall be responsible for the reasonable costs incurred by the animal control authority for the care of a dangerous dog confiscated by an animal control officer or for the destruction of any dangerous dog if the action by the animal control authority is pursuant to law and if the owner violated this article. In addition to any other penalty, a court may order the animal control authority to dispose of a dangerous dog in an expeditious and humane manner. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-620)

SECTION 3-221: DANGEROUS DOGS; VIOLATION; PRIOR CONVICTION

If a dangerous dog belonging to an owner with a prior conviction under this section attacks or bites a person or another domestic animal, the owner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, the dangerous dog shall be immediately confiscated by an animal control authority, placed in quarantine for the proper length of time, and thereafter destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-624)

SECTION 3-222: DANGEROUS DOGS; ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Nothing in this article shall be construed to restrict or prohibit the Village Board from establishing and enforcing laws or ordinances at least as stringent as the provisions of this article. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-624)

SECTION 3-223: IMPOUNDMENT

A. It shall be the duty of the village police to capture, secure and remove in a humane manner to the village animal shelter any dog violating any of the provisions of this article. The dogs so impounded shall be treated in a humane manner and shall be provided with a sufficient supply of food and fresh water each day. Each impounded dog shall be kept and maintained at the pound for a period of not fewer than five days for licensed dogs and seven days for unlicensed dogs after public notice has been given unless reclaimed earlier by the owner.

B. Notice of impoundment of all animals, including any significant marks or identification, shall be posted at the office of the village clerk within 24 hours after impoundment as public notification of such impoundment. Any dog may be reclaimed by its owner during the period of impoundment by payment of a general impoundment fee and daily board fee as set by resolution of the Village Board and filed in the office of the village clerk. The owner shall then be required to comply with the licensing and rabies vaccination requirements within 72 hours after release. Any dog may be reclaimed by its owner during the period of impoundment by payment of an impoundment fee as set by the Village Board as well as costs of impoundment.

C. If the dog is not claimed at the end of the required waiting period after public notice has been given, the village police may dispose of the dog in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the same; provided, if a suitable home, in the judgment of the village police, can be found for any such dog within the village, the said dog shall be turned over to that person and the new owner shall then be required to pay all fees and meet all licensing and vaccinating requirements provided in this article.

D. The village shall acquire legal title to any unlicensed dog impounded in the shelter for a period longer than the required waiting period after giving notice. All dogs shall be destroyed and buried in the summary and humane manner as prescribed by the Board of Health unless a suitable home can be found for such dog as provided in

subsection (C) above.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-548, 71-4408)

SECTION 3-224: INTERFERENCE WITH ANIMAL CONTROL

It shall be unlawful for any person to hinder, delay or interfere with any animal control officer who is performing any duty enjoined upon him or her by the provisions of this article or to break open or in any manner directly or indirectly aid, counsel, or advise breaking into the animal shelter or any vehicle used for the collecting or conveying of dogs to the shelter. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-906)

Article 3 – Animals Generally

SECTION 3-301: DEFINITIONS

“Domesticated animal” shall mean a tame animal that is subject to the dominion and control of an owner or person keeping or harboring the animal and accustomed to living in or near human habitation without requiring extraordinary restraint for the protection of humans or unreasonably disturbing such human habitation.

“Unusual animal” shall mean any poisonous or potentially dangerous animal not normally considered domesticated, including animals prohibited by the village or by federal requirements, and the following:

1. Class *Mammalia*, order *Carnivora*, family *Felidae* (such as lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, bobcats, and cougars) except commonly accepted domesticated cats and hybrids involving the same; family *Canidae* (such as wolves, coyotes, and foxes) except domesticated dogs and hybrids involving the same; family *Mustelidae* (such as weasels, martins, fishers, skunks, wolverines, mink, and badgers, except ferrets); family *Procyonidae* (such as raccoon); family *Ursidae* (such as bears).
2. Class *Mammalia*, order *Primata* (such as monkeys and chimpanzees).
3. Order *Chiroptera* (such as bats).
4. Poisonous reptiles, cobras, and their allies (*Elapidae*, *Hydrophilidae*); vipers and their allies (*Crotalidae*, *Viperidae*); boomslangs and Kirkland's tree snakes; and Gila monsters (*Helodermatidae*).

SECTION 3-302: UNUSUAL ANIMALS PROHIBITED; EXEMPTION

A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to own, keep, or harbor any unusual animal within the corporate limits, except that this section shall not be construed to prohibit a public zoo, circus, humane society, or carnival from displaying unusual animals as exhibits or to prohibit any wildlife rescue organizations with appropriate permits from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from rehabilitating or sheltering unusual animals.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person or person to sell, give away, transfer, or import into the village any unusual animal as defined in Section 3-301, excluding a public zoo doing business with another public zoo.

C. In the event that an authorized law enforcement official or animal control officer determines that an unusual animal is being owned, kept, or harbored by any person in violation of this section, the village may have the person prosecuted for the violation and shall order the person to remove the unusual animal from the village or

destroy it. The order shall be contained in a written notice to remove or destroy the unusual animal within ten days and shall be delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the owner or person keeping or harboring the unusual animal fails to remove or destroy the unusual animal after the expiration of ten days from the receipt of the notice and no appeal is taken, the village shall have the unusual animal destroyed.

SECTION 3-303: LIVESTOCK

A. "Livestock" as used in this section shall be defined as horses and cattle.

B. Based in part upon the proposed County Zoning Regulations applicable to Antelope County and the Village of Orchard, there shall be established an allowance of one and one-half head of livestock per acre on real estate within the corporate limits of the village zoned for agricultural purposes, which are specifically set forth as follows:

1. Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Relf's Subdivision;
2. Lots 1, 2, and 5 of Damme's First Subdivision;
3. Lot 13, Block 1, except the south 80 feet and a tract 100 feet x 102 feet in the northeast corner and Lots 1-12, inclusive, and Lots 25-36, inclusive, in Block 2, Howart's Addition;
4. Out Lot A of Howart's Addition; and
5. Lots 1, 2, 11 and 12 of Dalton's Subdivision.

C. It shall be the duty of any owner or lessee of real estate described in subsection (B) above to comply with the terms and conditions of this section regarding regulation of livestock, as defined.

1. Upon determination by the Village Board that the owner or lessee has failed to comply with the regulation of livestock as defined, a notice to abate and comply with this section and notice of the right to a hearing before the board and the manner in which it may be requested shall be given to the owner or lessee or the owner's and lessee's duly authorized agent by personal service or certified mail. Such service shall describe the condition as found by the Village Board and state that the owner or lessee has been declared to be in violation of this section and that the condition must be remedied at once.
2. Within ten days after the receipt of such notice, if the owner or lessee of the real estate described in subsection (B) above does not request a hearing or fails to comply with the order to comply with this section, the Village Board shall be authorized to pursue any remedies allowed by law.
3. If the owner or lessee requests a hearing in writing, the board shall fix a

time and place at which a hearing will be held. Notice of the hearing shall be given by personal service or certified mail and require the owner or lessee to appear before the board to show cause why the regulation as described in this ordinance has not been shown. Such notice shall not be given less than seven nor more than 14 days before the time of the hearing.

4. Upon the date fixed for the hearing and pursuant to the notice, the Village Board shall hear all objections made by the owner or lessee and shall hear evidence submitted regarding this section and the deemed violation thereof. If after consideration of all of the evidence the board finds that the owner or lessee is in violation of this section, it shall, by resolution, order and direct the owner or lessee to comply with the terms and conditions of this section. If the owner or lessee refuses or neglects to comply properly with the order of the board, the said board shall proceed to enforce the terms and conditions of this section as provided by law.

(Ord. No. 01-01, 5/14/01)

SECTION 3-304: FOWLS AND OTHER BIRDS; EXCEPTIONS

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain chickens or other fowls within the corporate limits.

B. The keeping of canaries, parrots and other small birds in cages inside residents' dwellings is allowed so long as the number per residence does not exceed five. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-547) (Ord. No. 309, 3/9/09)

SECTION 3-305: ENCLOSURES

All pens, cages, sheds, yards, or any other areas or enclosures for the confinement of animals and fowls not specifically barred within the corporate limits shall be kept in a clean and orderly manner so as not to become a menace or nuisance to the neighborhood in which the said enclosure is located.

SECTION 3-306: HORSES; EXCREMENT

A. Any party utilizing horses as a means of conveyance on village streets and alleys shall equip such horses with manure retainment receptacles to catch any excrement generated by such animals, preventing the same from being deposited on the village streets or alleys.

B. Any party utilizing horses as a means of conveyance on the streets and alleys of the village shall immediately remove any manure deposited on such streets and alleys as the same is deposited thereon by such animals.

(Ord. No. 7-11-11, 7/11/11)

SECTION 3-307: RABIES SUSPECTED; CAPTURE IMPOSSIBLE

The animal control authority as defined in Article 2 herein shall have the authority to kill any animal showing vicious tendencies or characteristics of rabies which make capture impossible because of the danger involved. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-4406)

Article 4 – Nuisances

SECTION 3-401: GENERALLY DEFINED

A nuisance consists in doing any unlawful act, omitting to perform a duty, or suffering or permitting any condition or thing to be or exist, which act, omission, condition or thing either:

- A. Injures or endangers the comfort, repose health, or safety of others,
 - B. Offends decency,
 - C. Is offensive to the senses,
 - D. Unlawfully interferes with, obstructs, tends to obstruct or renders dangerous for passage any stream, public park, parkway, square, street or highway in the village.
 - E. In any way renders other persons insecure in life or the use of property, or
 - F. Essentially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property, or tends to depreciate the value of the property of others.
- (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720)

SECTION 3-402: SPECIFICALLY DEFINED

The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving or permitting of any of the following specific acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are hereby declared to be nuisances:

- A. Any odorous, putrid, unsound or unwholesome grain, meat, hides, skins, feathers, vegetable matter, or the whole or any part of any dead animal, fish or fowl or any foul, decaying, or rotting substance.
- B. Privies, vaults, cesspools, dumps, pits or like places which are not securely protected from flies or rats, or which are foul or malodorous.
- C. Filthy, littered or trash-covered cellars, house yards, barnyards, stable-yards, factory-yards, mill yards, vacant areas in rear of stores, granaries, vacant lots, houses, buildings or premises.
- D. Animal manure in any quantity which is not securely protected from flies and the elements or which is kept or handled in violation of any ordinance of the village.
- E. Stagnant water permitted or maintained on any lot or piece of ground.

F. Liquid household waste, human excreta, garbage, butcher's trimmings and offal, parts of fish or any waste vegetable or animal matter in any quantity; provided, nothing herein contained shall prevent the temporary retention of waste in receptacles in a manner provided by the health officer of the village nor the dumping of non-putrefying waste in a place and manner approved by the health officer.

G. Tin cans, bottles, glass, cans, ashes, small pieces of scrap iron, wire metal articles, bric-a-brac, broken stone or cement, broken crockery, broken glass, broken plaster, and all trash or abandoned material, unless the same be kept in covered bins or galvanized iron receptacles.

H. Trash, litter, rags, accumulations of barrels, boxes, crates, packing crates, mattresses, bedding, excelsior, packing hay, straw or other packing material, lumber not neatly piled, appliances, scrap iron, tin or other metal not neatly piled, old automobiles or parts thereof, or any other waste materials when any of said articles or materials create a condition in which flies or rats may breed or multiply, or which may be a fire danger or which are so unsightly as to depreciate property values in the vicinity thereof.

I. Any buildings or structures which have any or all of the defects named in Section 3-406 herein.

J. All places used or maintained as junkyards or dumping grounds or for the wrecking and disassembling of automobiles, trucks, tractors or machinery of any kind or for the storing or leaving of worn-out, wrecked or abandoned automobiles, trucks, tractors or machinery of any kind, or of any of the parts thereof, or for the storing or leaving of any machinery or equipment used by contractors or builders or by other persons, which said places are kept or maintained so as to essentially interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by others, or which are so unsightly as to tend to depreciate property values in the vicinity thereof.

K. Any machine, vehicle, or parts of a machine or vehicle which have lost their identity, character, utility or serviceability as such through deterioration, dismantling or the ravages of time, are inoperative or unable to perform their intended functions, or are cast off, discarded or thrown away or left as waste, wreckage or junk;

L. Any motor vehicle without a current license and not housed in a storage or other building;

M. Any wood or tree limbs not cut and stacked in neat rows on an area not exceeding 10 feet by 16 feet.

N. Debris from burned or damaged buildings, whether created by consensual burning or demolition or whether occurring due to fire or age.

O. Stockyards, granaries, mills, pig pens, cattle pens, chicken pens or any other place, building or enclosure in which animals or fowl of any kind are confined or on which are stored tankage or any other animal or vegetable matter, or on which any animal or vegetable matter, including grain, is being processed, when said places in which said animals are confined, or said premises on which said vegetable or animal matter is located, are maintained and kept in such a manner that foul and noxious odors are permitted to emanate therefrom, to the annoyance of inhabitants of the village, or are maintained and kept in such a manner as to be injurious to the public health.

P. Maintenance of weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation 8 inches or more in height. Weeds shall include, but not be limited to, bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*), leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), perennial peppergrass (*Lepidium draba*), Russian knapweed (*Centaurea picris*), Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), nodding or musk thistle, quack grass (*Agropyron repens*), perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*), bull thistle (*Cirsium lanceolatum*), buckthorn (*Rhamnus* sp.) (toun), hemp plant (*Cannabis sativa*), and ragweed (*Ambrosiaceae*).

Q. All other things specifically designated as nuisances elsewhere in this code. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720)

SECTION 3-403: WEEDS OR OTHER NUISANCES; ABATEMENT; NOTICE

A. Whenever the chief of police or code enforcement officer appointed by the village chairman determines that any weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation in excess of 8 inches are growing on property within the village, or other nuisance as defined herein, except dangerous buildings, is found on any property, the village clerk shall give notice to mow, abate and remove such nuisance as follows: (1) to each owner or owner's duly authorized agent by certified mail, which shall be conspicuously marked as to its importance; and (2) to the occupant, if any, by personal service by a village police officer or county sheriff or deputy.

B. Within five days after receipt of such notice, the owner or occupant of the lot or piece of ground may request a hearing with the village to appeal the order to mow, abate or remove the nuisance by filing a written appeal with the office of the village clerk. A hearing on the appeal shall be held within 14 days after the filing of the appeal and shall be conducted by the village chairman as hearing officer, who shall render a decision on the appeal within five business days after the conclusion of the hearing. If the appeal fails, the village may have such work done unless such decision is appealed to the District Court. The hearing shall be conducted according to the provisions set forth in Section 3-412(B) hereafter, except that the hearing shall be conducted by the village chairman instead of the Village Board.

C. Within five days after receipt of such notice, if the owner or occupant of the lot or piece of ground does not request a hearing with the village or fails to comply with the order to mow, or abate and remove the nuisance, the village may have such

work done. The costs and expenses of any such work shall be paid by the owner. If unpaid for two months after such work is done, the village may either (1) levy and assess the costs and expenses of the work upon the lot or piece of ground so benefited in the same manner as other special taxes for improvements are levied and assessed or (2) recover in a civil action the costs and expenses of the work upon the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining streets and alleys.

SECTION 3-404: WEEDS OR OTHER NUISANCES; FAILURE TO CORRECT

Any owner or occupant of premises within the village who maintains a nuisance, as defined herein except dangerous buildings, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day's further violation shall be a separate offense.

SECTION 3-405: WEEDS OR OTHER NUISANCES; SECOND OFFENSE

In the event that an owner or agent of any property with the village shall have received a notice to correct or abate a nuisance within the past 12 months and is again charged with maintaining a nuisance, as defined herein except dangerous buildings, the chief of police shall forthwith file a complaint against such owner or agent for maintenance of a nuisance with the County Court.

SECTION 3-406: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; DEFECTS

Any buildings or structures which have any or all of the following defects are hereby declared to be unsafe or dangerous buildings or structures and a public nuisance:

A. Those having walls or other vertical structural members that list, lean or buckle to such an extent that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity falls outside the middle third of its base;

B. Those showing 33% or more of damage or deterioration of the supporting member or members, exclusive of the foundation;

C. Those with improperly distributed loads upon floors or roofs or in which the same are overloaded or which have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used;

D. Those damaged by fire, wind, or other causes so as to have become dangerous to life, safety or the general health and welfare of the occupants of the people of the village;

E. Those which have become dilapidated, decayed, unsafe, unsanitary, or which so utterly fail to provide the amenities essential to decent living that they are unfit for human habitation or are likely to cause sickness or disease, so as to work injury to the health, morals, safety, or general welfare of those living therein;

F. Those having light, air and sanitation facilities which are inadequate to protect the health, safety, or general welfare of human beings who live or may live therein;

G. Those having inadequate facilities for egress in the case of fire or panic, or those having insufficient stairways, elevators, fire escapes, or other means of communication;

H. Those having parts thereof which are so attached that they may fall and injure persons or property;

I. Those that are unsafe, unsanitary, or dangerous to the health, safety, or general welfare of the people of the village because of their condition;

J. Those having been inspected by the County Health Department or a professional engineer appointed by the village which are, after inspection, deemed to be in violation of any provision of the Health Department rules and regulations or which are structurally unsafe or unsound as found by the inspection of the professional engineer;

K. Those existing in violation of any provision of this article, any provision of the Fire Code (see Section 8-301), any provision of the county health rules and regulations or other applicable provisions of village ordinances, including but not limited to the building code adopted by the village.

SECTION 3-407: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; BUILDING INSPECTOR

A specially designated building inspector, his authorized representatives, or a professional engineer shall, at the direction of the Village Board:

A. Inspect any building, wall, or structure about which complaints are filed by any person to the effect that a building, wall, or structure is or may be existing in a dangerous or unsafe manner;

B. Inspect any building or structure within the jurisdictional area of the village for the purpose of determining whether any conditions exist which render such place a dangerous or unsafe building or structure within the terms of this article;

C. Report to the Village Board the results of the inspection;

D. Appear at all hearings and testify as to the condition of the unsafe or dangerous building or structure.

SECTION 3-408: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; STANDARDS

In the event that it is determined that any building or structure is unsafe or dangerous

the following standards shall be followed in substance in determining whether the structure or building should be repaired, vacated, or demolished:

A. If the unsafe or dangerous building or structure can reasonably be repaired so that it will no longer exist in violation of any of the terms or provisions of this article, it shall be ordered to be repaired.

B. If the unsafe or dangerous building is in such condition as to make it dangerous to the health, morals, safety, or general welfare of its occupants, it shall be ordered to be vacated.

C. In any case where an unsafe or dangerous building or structure cannot be repaired so that it will no longer exist in violation of the terms or provisions of this article, it shall be demolished. In all cases where the unsafe or dangerous building is a fire hazard existing or erected in violation of the applicable fire codes and regulations, or any other provision of an ordinance of this village, or statute of the state, it shall be demolished.

SECTION 3-409: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; UNLAWFUL MAINTENANCE

It is hereby determined unlawful to maintain a dangerous building within the corporate limits of the village or within its zoning jurisdiction.

SECTION 3-410: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; NUISANCE; PROCEDURE

If the specially designated building inspector or his representatives or professional engineer finds that a building or structure is unsafe or dangerous and a nuisance, the Village Board shall:

A. Notify the owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, agent or other persons having an interest in the building or structure that it has been found to be an unsafe or dangerous building. The notice will indicate whether the owner must vacate, repair or demolish the building or structure.

B. Set forth in the notice a description of the building or structure deemed unsafe or dangerous, accompanied by a statement of the particulars which make the building or structure unsafe or dangerous and an order requiring the same to be put in such condition as to comply with the terms of this article within such length of time, not exceeding 30 days, as is reasonable;

C. Direct a village employee to place a sign on the building or structure found to be unsafe or dangerous on its exterior near the main entrance which shall set forth that the building or structure is unsafe or dangerous for occupancy and use.

SECTION 3-411: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; FAILURE TO COMPLY

In case any owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, agent or other person having an interest in the building or structure shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with the notice by or on behalf of the village to repair, rehabilitate or demolish and remove a building or structure which is unsafe or dangerous and a public nuisance, and fails to request a hearing on such determination, the village may proceed with the work specified in the notice to the property owner. A statement of the cost of such work shall be transmitted to the Village Board, which is authorized to levy the cost as a special assessment against the property. Such special assessment shall be a lien on the real estate and shall be collected in the manner provided for special assessments under Nebraska statutes.

SECTION 3-412: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; DISPUTES

A. In the event that the owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, agent or other person having an interest in the building or structure disagrees with or disputes the information contained in the notice, such person shall notify the village clerk with a written statement that sets forth the reasons for the disagreement or dispute and the relief requested. This written request shall be made within 14 days of mailing of the notice provided by Section 3-403 herein. If written notice is received by the village clerk within 14 days of mailing or delivery of notice, a hearing shall be held before the Village Board, either at a special meeting or at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The clerk shall notify the person requesting the hearing, in writing, of the time, place, and date of such hearing.

B. The hearing before the Village Board shall be informal and not governed by the Nebraska Rules of Evidence. Such hearing shall be quasi-judicial in nature and its decision shall be based on the evidence presented at the hearing. The person requesting the hearing may be represented by legal counsel or other representative, may present witnesses and offer evidence, and may examine and copy, at his or her own expense, and not less than three business days before the hearing, the records of the village regarding the inspection and notice. The Village Board need not make a written finding of fact and may make its pronouncement orally at the hearing. The decision of the board shall be final unless appealed. Failure of the person to attend the hearing shall relieve the board of any further procedures before action is taken as set forth in a notice.

SECTION 3-413: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; APPEAL

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Village Board may appeal the decision to the District Court. This appeal shall and must be taken within 30 days of the pronouncement of the board's decision.

SECTION 3-414: DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; IMMEDIATE HAZARD

In the event the building constitutes an immediate hazard to the life or safety of any persons and must be demolished to protect their health or safety, the specially appointed building inspector or professional engineer designated by the Village Board shall report such facts to the board. Upon receipt of such report the village, by and through the Village Board, may immediately contract for the immediate demolition of the unsafe or dangerous building without requiring bids. The cost of such emergency vacation and demolition of unsafe or dangerous buildings or structures shall be levied, equalized, and assessed, as are other special assessments.

SECTION 3-415: PUBLIC NUISANCES PROHIBITED

It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, lessee, or mortgagee of real estate in the village to keep such real estate free of public nuisances. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-207, 18-1720)

SECTION 3-416: JURISDICTION

The chairman and village marshal are directed to enforce this village code against all nuisances. The jurisdiction of the chairman, village marshal, and court shall extend to, and the territorial application of this chapter shall include, all territory adjacent to the limits of the village within one mile thereof and all territory within the corporate limits. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720)

SECTION 3-417: ADJOINING LAND OWNERS; INTERVENTION BEFORE TRIAL

In cases of appeal from an action of the Village Board condemning real property as a nuisance or as dangerous under the police powers of the village, the owners of the adjoining property may intervene in the action at any time before trial. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §19-710)

SECTION 3-418: PROCEDURES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

When the conditions which constitute the nuisance pose an immediate threat to the public peace, health, or safety, the village chairman or the village police may order the nuisance abated immediately.

Article 5 – Sexual Predators

SECTION 3-501: DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this ordinance:

“Child care facility” means a facility licensed pursuant to the Child Care Licensing Act;

“Reside” means to sleep, live, or dwell at a place, which may include more than one location and may be mobile or transitory;

“Residence” means a place where an individual sleeps, lives, or dwells, which may include more than one location, and may be mobile or transitory;

“School” means a public, private, denominational, or parochial school which meets the requirements for state accreditation or approval;

“Sex offender” means an individual who has been convicted of a crime listed in Nebr. Rev. Stat. §29-4003 and who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act; and

“Sexual predator” means an individual required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act, who has committed an aggravated offense as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-4001.01 and who has victimized a person 18 years of age or younger.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-4016)

SECTION 3-502: RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful for any sexual predator to reside within 500 feet from a school or child care facility. For purposes of determining the minimum distance separation, the distance shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the residence to the nearest outer boundary line of the school or child care facility. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-4017)

SECTION 3-503: EXCEPTIONS

This ordinance shall not apply to a sexual predator who (A) resides within a prison or correctional or treatment facility operated by the state or a political subdivision; (B) established a residence before July 1, 2006, and has not moved from that residence; or (C) established a residence after July 1, 2006, and the school or child care facility triggering the restriction was established after the initial date of the sexual predator's residence at that location. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-4017)

Article 6 – Penal Provisions

SECTION 3-601: VIOLATION; PENALTY

Any person who shall violate or refuse to comply with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter, set forth at full length herein or incorporated by reference, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500.00 for each offense. A new violation shall be deemed to have been committed every 24 hours of such failure to comply.

SECTION 3-602: ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

Whenever a nuisance exists as defined in this chapter, the village may proceed by a suit in equity to enjoin and abate the same in the manner provided by law. Whenever in any action it is established that a nuisance exists, the court may, together with the fine or penalty imposed, enter an order of abatement as a part of the judgment in the case. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1720, 18-1722)