
Just a Reminder . . .

The State of Michigan requires dogs to be licensed.

Beginning January 2011, Ottawa County will begin a new program for renewing dog licenses. Licenses will need to be renewed in the MONTH in which the dog's rabies vaccination expires. The Ottawa County Treasurer's Office will continue to mail reminders in the month prior to the expiration. The new program will also allow the purchase of a one-year or three-year license. If the license is not purchased by the end of the month, a \$15 delinquent fee will be added to the cost of the license.

Dog licenses can be purchased year-round from the Grand Haven City Treasurer's Office, 519 Washington Avenue, or Ottawa County Treasurer's website www.miottawa.org, by mail, or in person at the Ottawa County Treasurer's Fillmore or Grand Haven Office.

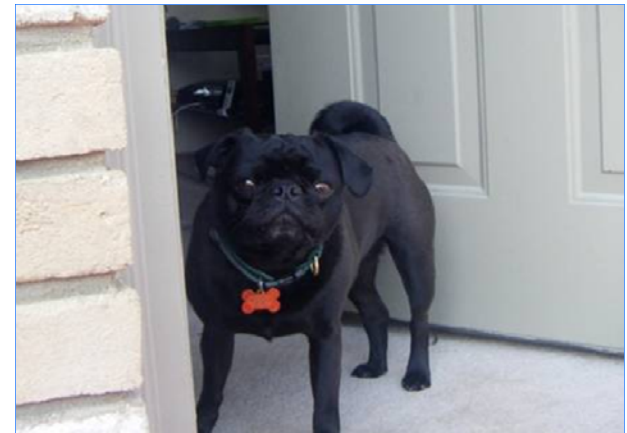


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Dog Enforcement Policy



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Grand Haven Doggy City USA

Grand Haven is a dog-friendly community, but this does not mean we have let our City go to the dogs. Rules regarding barking dogs, leashes and cleaning up after our pets are enforced by the Department of Public Safety. Responsible pet ownership helps us all enjoy our four-legged friends and a clean, safe City.



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Existing City Ordinances

Dog and pet owners are expected to adhere to the following ordinances:

1. All dogs and pets must be on a leash, no longer than six feet (if not retractable), twenty-five feet (if retractable), and under the control of the person holding the leash anywhere in the City except private property (*City Code Section 7.1 and 7.4*).
2. Dogs are permitted without a leash on the north side of Lake Avenue between the street and the roadway to the water tanks, along the base of the sand dune.
3. Dog or pet feces must be picked up and disposed of properly (*City Code Section 7.9*).

4. The City has an ordinance that limits the number of cats and dogs (over the age of (2) two months old) per household to a combined total of three (*City Code Section 7.6*).
5. There are a number of laws that protect the public and the animal. Dogs or pets found running or roaming freely around the City may be seized and turned over to the County Sheriff.

Violation Fines

Fines for violations of animal regulations range from \$50–\$500.



There are certain areas within the City limits where dogs and pets are prohibited.

These areas include:

- The City Beach between the swim buoys (Memorial Day to Labor Day), however, dogs are permitted on the City Beach south of the southerly swim buoy.
- Farmers Market (while open on Wednesday & Saturday).

Signs are posted to remind owners and their pets of those (few) exceptions to our dog-friendly community.

Plastic bag dispensers have been placed in the following locations:

- Entrance and next to the parking lot at Duncan Woods
- Linear Park Entrance on Harbor Island
- City Beach at the end of Grand Avenue
- Near the Imagination Station at Mulligan's Hollow
- At the entrance of Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Service Road
- On the fence at Mulligan's Hollow ball diamond
- One at each entrance of Lake Forest Cemetery (a total of four)
- Behind the fenced-in area of the Waterfront Stadium at the Municipal Marina
- At each sidewalk entrance to Central Park
- East Grand River Park
- Bicentennial Park
- Farmers Market
- Various locations on the Boardwalk

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