
Just a Reminder . . .

The State of Michigan requires dogs to be licensed.

Dog licenses are available at the County Treasurer's Office, 414 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven. Proof of rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a license. Dog licenses are also available December 1 through February 28 at the City Treasurer's Office at Grand Haven City Hall, 519 Washington Avenue (*Act 339 of Public Acts 1919*).

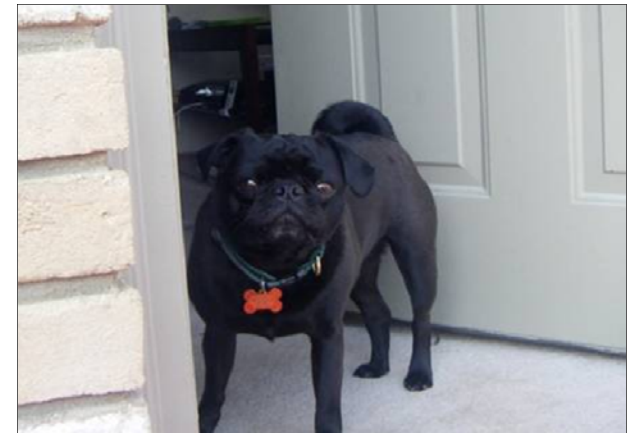
If you have any questions regarding dogs or other animals, please contact the City Manager at 616-847-4888.



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*Dog Enforcement
Policies*



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Enforcement Policies for Dogs

Discussions by the Grand Haven City Administration and City Council have led to some important enforcement decisions that may impact you and your dog or pet.



A more restrictive enforcement of the City's ordinances that relate to animals began on May 1, 2002. Public Safety Officers have been directed to strictly enforce the "leash law," "pooper scooper law," and other laws regarding dogs and pets.

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 regarding animals 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

Violations of the laws and ordinances could result in fines ranging from \$50.00 or more for the first offense, and up to \$300.00 or more for the third offense and/or the removal of your dog or pet.



There are certain areas within the City limits where dogs and pets are prohibited. These areas are specifically posted;

"No Dogs Allowed," "No Pets Allowed," or "No Animals Allowed."

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.
- Central Park
- On the Pier
- Farmers Market (while open on Wednesday & Saturday)

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
- East Grand River Park
- Bicentennial Park
- Farmers Market
- Various locations on the Boardwalk

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