

2. they are employed by a vendor of the gambling facility and are strictly entering the facility to deliver goods or other wares ordered by the facility;
or
3. they are employed by any mail carrier service and are entering the gambling facility to deliver mail, packages, or other postal products; or
4. they are employed by a law enforcement agency and are entering the gambling facility to conduct an investigation or are otherwise responding to a call for assistance at the gambling facility.

COUNTY ORDINANCE 6I
ANIMAL CONTROL

PURPOSE. This chapter provides for the regulation of the keeping of any animals, the conditions for the impoundment of such animals, and the providing of administrative remedies. This chapter provides not only for the regulation of household animals but also the regulation of livestock and breeding animals, vicious dogs, and dangerous animals.

DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms or words are interpreted or defined:

1. "Animal" means any nonhuman vertebrate.
2. "At Large" means any animal found off the premises of its owner and not under the control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, or fenced in area, housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel, restrained on a leash (electronic or otherwise) or "at heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's command.
3. "Attack" means an act committed by an animal with the ability to execute such an act that either by threat of physical contact or actual physical contact causes fear, pain or injury to the human being or a domestic animal so long as the latter has not first committed such an act on the offending animal.
4. "Control" is established when an animal is secured by a leash or lead, confined in a fenced-in area or vehicle, or obedient to a competent person's commands.
5. "County Agent" is a public or private entity either employed or under contract with the County to assist the County in regulating various sections of this chapter.
6. "Dangerous Animal" means
 - A. Any animal which is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon, or causing

- disease among, human beings or domestic animals and having known tendencies as a species to do so;
- B. Any animals declared to be dangerous by the Board of Health upon reasonable notice to the owner thereof who shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board; and,
 - C. Any animal that while running at large has attacked or bitten any person without provocation, or any animal that has exhibited vicious propensities in present or past conduct by acting in the following manner:
 - a. by biting a person or persons on two separate occasions within a twelve (12) month period; or
 - b. did bite a person once causing injuries above the shoulders of the person.
7. "Disturbance" means the act of trespassing, chasing, maiming or killing domestic livestock or fowl; damaging or killing domestic livestock or fowl; damaging or destroying personal property; biting or attempting to bite a person.
 8. "Dogs" means both male and female animals of the canine species, whether altered or not.
 9. "Livestock" means animals kept for use or pleasure, especially farm animals kept for use and profit including fowl.
 10. "Neglected or Suffering Conditions" means any condition or situation in which the animal is in imminent danger.
 11. "Owner" includes, in addition to its ordinary meaning, any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, sheltering or harboring an animal.
 12. "Potentially dangerous dog" means any of the following:
 - A. Any dog which, when unprovoked, on two separate occasions within a 36-month period, engages in any behavior that requires a defensive action by any person to prevent attack or injury when the person and the animal are off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog.
 - B. Any dog which, when unprovoked, inflicts injury upon a person.
 - C. Any dog which, when unprovoked, on two separate occasions, has killed, seriously bitten, inflicted injury, or otherwise caused injury attacking a domestic animal off the property of the owner or keeper of the dog.
 13. "Proper enclosure" means any pen or kennel with sides attached to a secured top and a secured bottom, floor or foundation. In lieu of a top, a fence may be used that is at least six feet in height or six feet taller than any internal structure that the dog can jump from. In lieu of a bottom, a fence may be used that is imbedded into the ground at least two feet to prevent any digging under the fence.

14. "Provoked" means, but is not limited to:
 - A. Any willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the dog.
 - B. Any act of teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting or threat to act; being committed by a person or domestic animal against a dog or the owner or keeper of the dog.
15. "Severe injury" means any physical injury to a human being that results in muscle or tendon tears, joint injuries, disfiguring lacerations or requires multiple sutures.
16. "Stray" means any animal unlawfully running at large, the ownership of which cannot with reasonable investigation be ascertained or any animal which has been abandoned by its owner.
17. "Unincorporated Areas" means areas not within the confines of an incorporated city.
18. "Vicious dog" means any of the following:
 - A. Any dog, which, when unprovoked and in an aggressive manner, bites a human being above the waist (excluding the hands) or inflicts severe injury upon or kills a human being.
 - B. Any dog previously determined to be potentially dangerous by the Des Moines County Board of Health which, after its owner or keeper has been notified of the determination, persists in the behaviors defined in Section B(17) or is maintained in violation of Section E.

ANIMALS AT LARGE

All animals shall be restrained by their owner(s) thereof from running at large. An owner who permits an animal to run at large shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. An animal running at large may be impounded as provided in Section E. An animal impounded for running at large shall not be returned to the owner or otherwise released without proper rabies vaccination at the owner's or claimant's expense and having the animal spayed or neutered at the owner's or claimant's expense.

ANIMAL WELFARE AND CARE

All animals shall be maintained with a "minimum level of care." This shall mean the care sufficient to reasonably preserve the physical health and condition of the animal(s), and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner, includes but is not limited to the following requirements:

1. A quantity of wholesome feed suitable for the animal's species and age, sufficient to maintain reasonable levels of nutrition, at intervals of not more than twenty-four (24) hours or longer if the dietary requirements of the animal require.

2. Reasonable access to a supply of clean, fresh water provided for drinking in amounts and at intervals suitable for the species, not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours at any interval.
3. Adequate access to a shelter sufficient to ensure that the animal does not suffer unreasonable distress due to natural elements, including but not limited to wind, rain, snow, sun, cold, or dampness.
4. If the animal is livestock, adequate access to a natural or constructed barrier sufficient to offer reasonable protection against temperature extremes, wind, rain, or snow.
5. If the animal is restricted in a confinement area, including kennel animals, for an extended period, the area shall be kept reasonably clean and free from contaminants, including animal waste, which may threaten the health of the animal.
6. Veterinary or farrier care, if a reasonably prudent person would advise such care to relieve distress from injury, disease or neglect.
7. A confinement area with adequate space for the exercise necessary to preserve the health of the animal and which provides a dry area for the animal to rest. The air temperature or ventilation in the confinement area shall be suitable to preserve the health of a normal animal of the same species.
8. If an animal is fastened by a leash, including a rope or chain, which restricts the movement of the animal, a leash shall be attached to the animal by a well-fitting collar or harness that is fastened to the animal in a manner designed to prevent injury or entanglement. A leash shall not restrict an animal from access to adequate shelter or sufficient food or water.

In the event that the County Agent finds animals in neglected or suffering conditions or in conditions in violation of this Ordinance, the County Agent shall have the right forthwith to remove or cause to have removed any such animals to a safe place for care at the owner's expense, providing that the owner is notified by certified mail or by personal service by the County Agent. The animal(s) shall not be returned to the owner or caretaker unless or until such conditions are remedied to the satisfaction of the County Agent.

If it is determined by the County Agent that the animal is of critical nature, the County Agent may take immediate steps to protect the animal, to include having the animal checked by a veterinarian. Return of the animal to the owner shall not be permitted until the owner shall have made full payment for all expenses so incurred by the County Agent and that the owner has remedied the conditions to

the satisfaction of the County Agent.

SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT

Any animal may be seized and impounded by the Board of Health, County Agent or a Public Safety Officer with an animal humane society, veterinarian, or other animal rescue organization under the following circumstances or as otherwise permitted under this Ordinance:

1. All strays and any dog found at large.
2. Any dog which is causing a disturbance.
3. Any vicious dog or dangerous animal believed to pose a risk or threat of harm to any person or domestic animal.
4. Any animal against which multiple complaints for running at large and causing a disturbance have been made is subject to restraint on the property of the owner.

CONFINEMENT FOR RABIES QUARANTINE

When the Board of Health, Public Safety Officer or any County Agent receives information that any person or animal has been bitten by an animal or that a dog or animal is suspected of having rabies, the Board of Health, Public Safety Officer or County Agent shall order the owner or person in possession to confine such animal in the manner provided herein. The Board of Health may require the owner or person in possession of the animal to surrender the animal for quarantine or shall otherwise have authority to enter upon the premises of where the animal is located to seize and impound the animal in accordance with this Section. It shall be unlawful for any person to conceal an animal or interfere with the confinement of an animal as authorized herein.

1. An animal must be quarantined by a licensed veterinarian at the owner's expense, if:
 - A. The animal, over six (6) months of age, has no record of current rabies vaccination. Unvaccinated animals cannot be vaccinated until the end of the quarantine period, at which time the animal must be vaccinated at the owner's expense.
 - B. The events leading to the incident are such that rabies is suspected, there was no due cause for the incident, or the animal has suspicious recent history. This will be utilized even if the animal has a record of being currently vaccinated for rabies.
2. Home quarantine may be permissible if:
 - A. Conditions listed in Subsection (1) are not applicable and the owner can provide proper confinement and proper

enclosure of the animal, complete with the posting of a sign in a conspicuous place, warning of possible rabies infection. Confinement will be done by the penning of the animal so that there is a metal barrier as to prevent the intimate approach of any other animal or person.

- B. The owner of the animal shall sign an agreement to adhere to the rules of confinement for the designated length of time, and also agrees to notify the County immediately if the animal sickens, dies, or escapes.
- C. The animal must be examined by a licensed veterinarian at the end of the quarantine period at the owner's expense, and revaccinated if the bite occurred within two months of the expiration date of the current vaccination. The owner shall submit written proof thereof to the Board of Health, County Agent, or Public Safety Officer. The quarantine period shall be ten (10) days for all animals. With the approval of a licensed veterinarian, said animal may be euthanized and the brain sent for examination at the owner's expense, if it is not practical to confine the animal for reasons of health and safety. If the owner fails to confine such animal in the manner directed, the animal shall be apprehended and impounded, and after ten (10) days the animal may be humanely destroyed. If such animal is returned to its owner, the owner shall pay the cost of impoundment.

DES MOINES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

The Des Moines County Animal Control Board (hereinafter "Board") shall consist of five members. At least one member shall be a veterinarian, one member shall own livestock, and at least three members shall be residents of unincorporated areas of Des Moines County. All members shall be residents of Des Moines County.

The Board shall meet at least twice per year. Its meetings shall be open to the public. The Director of Des Moines County Public Health shall be secretary for the Board. Hearings before the Board shall be governed under Iowa Code Chapter 17A and shall be scheduled as necessary.

DES MOINES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD ABATEMENT PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS, VICIOUS DOGS, AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

In the event that the Board of Health, County Agent, or Public Safety Officer has probable cause to believe that a dog is potentially dangerous, vicious, or there is a dangerous animal in violation of this Ordinance, the County Agent shall be

empowered to request a hearing before the Des Moines County Animal Control Board for the purpose of determining whether or not the dog in question should be declared potentially dangerous, vicious, or the dangerous animal is in violation and constitutes a hazard. If the dog or animal has not been impounded, the County Agent shall notify the Board in its request for a hearing. The Board may authorize impoundment of the animal prior to a hearing.

The County Agent shall conduct or cause to be conducted an investigation and shall notify the owner or keeper of the animal in question that a hearing will be held. The hearing shall be held promptly within no less than five (5) days nor more than ten (10) days after the service of notice upon the owner or keeper of the animal. The Animal Control Board shall serve notice of the hearing on the owner of the animal. Notice of hearing may include an immediate order for impoundment of the animal at issue.

The hearing shall be informal and shall be open to the public. The County Agent shall present its investigative findings to the Board. The Board may hear testimony from affected or concerned persons and other witnesses. The owner shall be permitted to present evidence to the Board and cross examine witnesses. After the hearing, the owner or keeper of the animal shall be notified in writing of the determination.

The Board shall have the authority to declare a dog as potentially dangerous. The Board shall issue a written decision with its findings. The Board may issue restrictions to the owner or keeper of the potentially dangerous dog at the owner's expense if the animal can be appropriately returned or kept by the owner. The Board shall further have authority to humanely euthanize an animal at the owner's expense if the Board determines there has been a previous finding that the dog was potentially dangerous. The Board shall maintain a list of potentially dangerous dogs, which shall be available to the public.

The Board shall have the authority to order a dog determined to be vicious or an animal determined to be dangerous and a hazard to be humanely euthanized at the owner's expense. The Board shall also have the authority to permit the dog or animal to be placed with a licensed rescue organization that is willing to accept the vicious dog or dangerous animal if returning the dog or animal to the owner is determined not to be appropriate.

If a determination is made that the dog is vicious or the dangerous animal is a hazard, the Board shall further determine whether to impound the dog or animal if impoundment has not occurred prior to the hearing. The owner shall comply with the orders of the Board, including turning over the vicious dog or dangerous animal to the County Agent for impoundment. The owner shall not remove or conceal the whereabouts of such dog or animal while a contested case is pending or prior to enforcement of an order for impoundment. Concealment or refusal to

abide by an order to impound may be considered contempt of the order of the Board.

If the owner or keeper of an animal contests the determination by the Board, he or she may bring a petition appealing the determination in the district court within the judicial district wherein the animal is kept. If the dog or animal has been impounded, the owner shall remain liable for all costs of continued impoundment during such appeal to the district court.

KEEPING OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

A potentially dangerous dog shall, at all times, be kept confined within a residence or in a secured proper enclosure. The enclosure shall be locked with a key or combination lock to prevent the entry of children. When off the premises, the dog must be kept on a substantial leash of no more than six feet in length and under the control of a responsible adult. If there are no additional instances of the behavior described in Section B(12) within a 36-month period from the date of designation as a potentially dangerous dog, the owner may petition the Board for the dog to be removed from its list of potentially dangerous dogs.

RIGHT TO KILL

The County reserves the right to euthanize any animal not under observation for rabies or under rabies quarantine for which no reasonable veterinary care would prove to be practical to sustain said animal, when said animal is afflicted with a contagious disease which would endanger the welfare of the other animals in the shelter, any dangerous animal, or any dog declared as vicious by the Board. Any animal may also be euthanized or destroyed as otherwise permitted by law.

KEEPING OF VICIOUS DOGS AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No person shall keep, shelter or harbor any dangerous animal or vicious dog as a pet, or act as a temporary custodian for such animal, or keep, shelter or harbor such animal for any other purpose or in any other capacity within the County except as provided in Section L of this chapter. No dog declared as vicious shall be allowed to be taken out of or brought into Des Moines County except as permitted by the Board.

VICIOUS DOG AND DANGEROUS ANIMAL EXCEPTIONS

The prohibition contained in Section K of this Ordinance shall not apply to the keeping of vicious dogs and/ or dangerous animals in the following circumstances:

1. The keeping of vicious dogs and/ or dangerous animals in a bona fide, licensed veterinary hospital for treatment.

2. The keeping of vicious dogs and/ or dangerous animals by a wildlife rescue organization with appropriate permit from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.
3. Animals while utilized by any law enforcement officer in the performance of enforcement work.

PENALTIES

Violations of this Ordinance shall constitute a simple misdemeanor as provided in Iowa law unless otherwise specified.

NO LIMITATION

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to supersede or limit any other statutes and regulations permitted under Iowa law.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this entire Ordinance, including 6A through 6H shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

COUNTY ORDINANCE #6 IS IN ITS ENTIRETY,
including 6A through 6I herein, is hereby
approved, amended, effective, and adopted
This 12th day of January, 2021.

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



Thomas L. Broeker, Chair

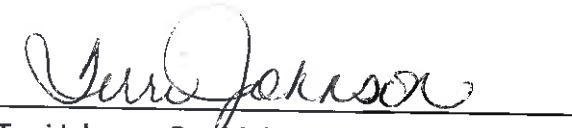


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