

ARTICLE II
Dogs and Cats
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§ 87-4. Dogs.

A. No dog shall be allowed to run at large on any street or in any public park or public place in the Village of St. Johnsville nor upon any property in said Village without the consent of the owner of such property. A dog shall be considered to be at large under this article unless it shall be restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length or unless it shall be accompanying its owner or other person responsible for its custody "at heel" or under similar mechanical or voice control. "At heel" shall mean that the dog is at or near the immediate side of the owner or other person responsible for its custody.

(1) This subsection shall not apply to any dog running at large upon the premises of the person who owns, keeps, harbors or otherwise has the care or custody of such dog, or upon the premises of another person with the knowledge and consent of such other person.

B. No person being the owner of any dog or having the custody and control of any dog shall permit such dog to commit any public nuisance within the Village of St. Johnsville, to wit:

(1) Howling and barking at such time and in such manner as to reasonably disturb and annoy other persons.

(2) Jumping upon or knocking over any person.

(3) Biting, snapping or growling at any person, or acting in such manner toward any person as shall reasonably put such person in fear of attack by such dog or in fear of such person's personal safety.

(4) Being found upon the respective school yards of any of the public schools of said Village.

(5) Urinating, defecating or otherwise soiling or damaging property in any park, public place, building or store, or on any street or private property in said Village other than the property of the owner of such dog.

(6) Attacking or annoying any other dog which shall be leashed or under other control as provided in Subsection A herein.

(7) Tampering with or foraging at garbage pails or trash containers in any manner whatsoever.

(8) Permitting any other act which can be reasonably determined to create a public nuisance.

C. In addition to any other penalty provided by this article, any animal control officer or police officer of the Village of St. Johnsville is empowered to seize, pick up and confine in the dog pound maintained by said Village any dog committing any of the acts herein above prohibited.