

## SECTION 2-307: DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE; IMPOUNDMENT; FINES

A dog which is "running at large" shall mean any dog found off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a responsible person, either by leash, cord, chain, wire, rope, cage or other suitable means of physical restraint. It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any dog to run at large within said village, and every dog found running at large in violation hereof is declared to be public nuisance and may be picked up and impounded by the animal control officer or village police officer. In addition, 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 running at large or otherwise violates the provisions of this section, the clerk shall issue a written warning to such offending person. Upon a second written complaint by two or more affected persons from different households concerning the same dog or dogs, a complaint will be filed with the County Court and upon conviction the offending party shall be fined in the sum of \$200.00. Upon a third or more written complaints by two or more affected persons from different households concerning the same dog or dogs, a complaints shall be filed with the County Court and upon conviction the offending party shall be fined in the sum of \$500.00. In addition, the offending party shall pay the court costs and costs of prosecution.