

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF OLMSTED  
TOWN OF KALMAR

**Ordinance Regulating Dogs Running at Large**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-01**

The Board of Supervisors of Kalmar Township, Minnesota hereby ordain:

SECTION I  
Running at Large Prohibited

No dog shall be permitted to run at large within Kalmar Township, Minnesota. Running at large shall be defined as loose without a controlling device. A trained animal in the possession of its master shall be considered controlled. This control must be proven upon the request of any township or law enforcement official. An animal that has training and/or breeding indicative to being a threat to any person or other animal must be under physical control at all times.

Leash and Control

The restrictions imposed by the preceding Section shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the roads or public property when such dog is on a leash and kept under the control of the accompanying person.

SECTION II  
Keeping Dogs

It is unlawful for a person to keep a dog within the Township in a fashion which unreasonably annoys, endangers or injures the safety, health or comfort to the public or to domesticated animals residing in Kalmar Township. A person who is in a position of authority or control over the person keeping the dog or over the property where the dog is kept shall also be liable for violation of this Section.

In all areas of Kalmar Township the owner of any dog shall keep his or her dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, unless under the control of a competent person

SECTION III  
Habitual Barking

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than one minute of interruption. Such barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.

SECTION IV  
Enforcement

It shall be lawful for any law enforcement officer or other designated township employee to take up and impound any dog in the township which is in violation of the provisions of any part of this Ordinance, and in enforcing this Ordinance, such officer or employee may enter upon any private property when there is reasonable cause to believe there has been a violation of this Ordinance.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity found guilty of violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, a crime for which a sentence of not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both, may be imposed.

This ordinance shall be effective following its passage and publication.

Adopted by Kalmar Township Board this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.