

VILLAGE OF TROUT VALLEY

ORDINANCE NO –2007-08-002

An Ordinance Prohibiting Dogs Running at Large

WHEREAS, the Village of Trout Valley exists as a municipality in the County of McHenry and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, Section 11-20-9, the corporate authorities of each municipality may regulate and prohibit the running at large of dogs, and may impose a tax on dogs. (65 ILCS 5/11-20-9); and

WHEREAS, dogs running at large has become a public nuisance and a threat to public health in the Village of Trout Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Trout Valley has the authority to regulate dogs running at large and desires to regulate dogs running at large; and

WHEREAS the Village of Trout Valley declares it unlawful to allow a dog to run at large in the Village of Trout Valley; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, McHenry County, Illinois, that:

- 1) It shall be unlawful for the owner or caretaker of a dog, to allow his or her dog to run at large within the Village of Trout Valley.
- 2) Dogs running on the property of the dog's owner or caretaker shall not be considered running at large.
- 3) Dogs shall be considered running at large if they are on the property of another person without consent of the property owner and not on a leash.
- 4) Dogs who are on a leash held by the owner or caretaker shall not be considered running at large.
- 5) Violation: The owner or caretaker of a dog found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be fined twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per offense.
- 6) Severability: If any portion of this ordinance should be declared unenforceable, it shall be severed from the ordinance, the remainder of which shall remain in full force and effect.

