

**VILLAGE OF MAYBEE
PET WASTE ORDINANCE**

Ord. No. _____; Date of Adoption _____, 2026

An Ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet waste within the jurisdictional limits of the Village of Maybee in the County of Monroe in the State of Michigan.

THE VILLAGE OF MAYBEE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the Village of Maybee Pet Waste Ordinance.

Section 2. Authority.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 1 of the General Law Village Act, being found at MCL 66.1.

Section 3. Legislative Findings of Fact.

The Council of the Village of Maybee hereby finds and determines that the interests of the public health, safety and welfare and preservation of public peace warrant and require that the Council establish regulations establishing responsibility for and requiring the collection of pet feces by the responsible parties.

Section 4. Purpose and Intent.

This Ordinance establishes requirements for the collection and disposal of pet waste in the Village of Maybee in order to protect public health, safety and welfare, and increase public awareness.

Section 5. Definitions.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings as set forth below:

- A. "Owner/Keeper" shall mean any person who shall possess, maintain, house, or harbor any pet or otherwise has physical custody or control of any pet or the person to whom the pet is registered.
- B. "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association.
- C. "Pet" shall mean a domesticated animal including specifically but not limited to dogs and cats.

- D. "Pet waste" shall mean waste matter, feces or excrement expelled from the bowels of a pet.
- E. "Properly dispose" shall mean placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.
- F. "Repeat Offense" means a second or any subsequent violation of the same requirement of this Ordinance committed by the same person within any twelve (12) month period for which the person is found guilty.

Section 6. Requirement for Disposal.

- A. It shall be the duty of the owner and/or keeper or other person in the possession of and responsible for a pet, on areas other than the property of such person, to collect and remove pet waste deposited or left by the pet on public walks, recreation areas, public streets, public parks, sidewalks, gutters, rights-of-ways, and/or private property other than the premises of the owner or keeper of the animal.
- B. It shall further be the duty of the Owner and/or Keeper while in direct control of a pet to have in his or her possession a plastic bag or "pooper scooper" or other such device sufficient for use in the removal of pet waste.
- C. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately collect their pet's waste when deposited within the right of way of any property or on any private property not owned or possessed by that person and to properly dispose of the pet waste.

Section 7. Exemptions.

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a service or disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance while such animal is being used for that purpose. Further, this Ordinance does not apply to the accumulation of animal waste as part of a bona-fide agricultural activity.

Section 8. Applicability.

This Ordinance shall apply in all incorporated areas of the Village.

Section 9. Penalty.

Violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not to exceed \$250.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court, together with payment of court costs. A repeat offense for violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable upon conviction thereof

by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court, together with payment of court costs.

Section 10. Repeal of Laws of Conflict.

All Ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof of the Village in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 11. Severability.

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance, other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 12. Inclusion in Code.

It is the intent of the Council of the Village of Maybee that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Village of Maybee Code of Ordinances and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," "regulation," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

Section 13. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the twentieth day after passage and publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the Village of Maybee, County of Monroe.

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