

Ordinance 2023-01

**An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Price County, Chapter 223 Thereof, Entitled
"Animals":
to add Article IV Breeding Facilities,**

Be it ordained by the Price County Board of Supervisors, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 223 of the Code of the County of Price is hereby amended to add a new section, to be known as Article IV as follows:

§223-53 Permit Required.

- A. No person shall operate a breeding facility without a valid breeding permit issued pursuant to the terms of this ordinance. A breeding permit shall be issued for a breeding facility is subject to the general permit requirements and provisions set forth in this ordinance. There shall be three (3) tiers of breeding permits required for any breeding facility.
- 1) Tier 1: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter fewer than 25 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
 - 2) Tier 2: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter at least 25 but no more than 50 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
 - 3) Tier 3: Any breeding facility authorized to house, sell, or barter at least 50, but no more than 99 dogs or cats per breeding permit period.
 - 4) A breeding facility with any more than 99 dogs or cats is prohibited in Price County and shall not be permitted to operate in Price County.
- B. A breeding permit shall be twelve (12) month period ending on September 30 of each year. A breeding permit may be no longer than twelve (12) months and may be less than twelve (12) months, depending on the date of issuance of a breeding permit.
- C. A breeding permit fee shall be set by the County Board Of Supervisors.

§223-54 Operation.

In addition to the terms of a breeding permit, this ordinance and all other applicable laws, a breeding facility shall comply and be subject to any provisions set forth in other county and state approvals or permits, such as conditional use permit issued for the operation of a breeding facility, and follow guidelines regarding inspections by WI Department of Agriculture Trade And Consumer Protection.

§223-55 Multi-dog license.

Any person who keeps or operates a breeding facility shall apply to the Price Co Humane Officer for a multi-dog license for all dogs, which have attained five (5) months of age kept at the breeding facility, with current proof of rabies immunization vaccination.

§223-56 Additional Standards

In addition to the required standards set forth in this ordinance, a breeding facility shall comply with the following for the welfare of the dogs or cats:

- A. Breeding age of female animals shall be no younger than two (2) years old and nor older than seven (7) years old. After age seven (7) years old, any female kept at the breeding facility shall be spayed.
- B. No breeding facility shall produce more than one litter per twelve (12) month breeding permit period of puppies or kittens per female of breeding age.
- C. A puppy or kitten may not be physically transferred to another facility or owner until it is at least eight (8) weeks of age or older.

§ 223-57 Enforcement.

This article will be enforced by the Price County Sheriff's Office and the Price County Land Conservation and Zoning Department.

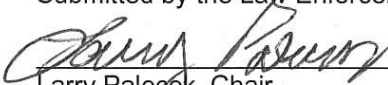
§ 223-58 Violations and penalties.

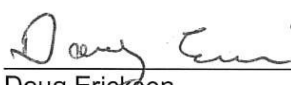
Anyone causing, creating or maintaining a violation of this article shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Chapter 290 of the County Code, together with cost of prosecution.

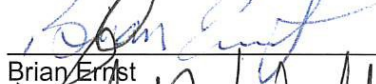
Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall be effective as of date of publication.

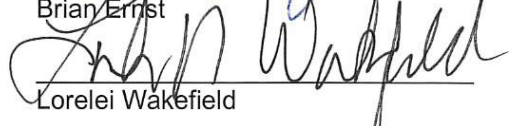
Submitted by the Law Enforcement Committee


Larry Palecek, Chair

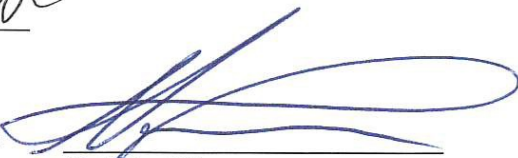

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Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April 2023.


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