

City Ordinance*

Chapter 10, of the City of Belding, Code of Ordinances, regulates animals as follows:

- Sec. 10-2 Animals at large.*
- Sec. 10-3 Definitions.*
- Sec. 10-4 Dog license required.*
- Sec. 10-5 Barking or vicious animals.*
- Sec. 10-6 Possession & ownership of dogs.*
- Sec. 10-7 Owner control of dogs or cats running at large.*
- Sec. 10-8 Number of animals; cruelty and mistreatment of animals.*
- Sec. 10-9 Violation; municipal civil infractions; misdemeanor.*
- Sec. 10-31 Powers and duties of police officers relative to animals.*
- Sec. 10-32 Fees and charges.*



***Because Zoning Ordinances are subject to amendments which can change standards and regulations, please speak with the Zoning Administrator for the most up-to-date zoning language.**

Any further questions can be directed to:

City of Belding Planning Dept.
120 S. Pleasant St.
Belding, MI 48809
(616) 794-1900, ext. 205
(616) 794-0091 FAX
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Keeping Animals in the City



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Household Pets

- ✓ Pet ownership is limited to not more than **two (2) adult dogs and two (2) adult cats per household**.
- ✓ Horses, cattle, swine, sheep, ponies, goats and poultry are not allowed within the City limits, except for long-established stables.
- ✓ Dogs who are 6 months of age or older must be licensed.
- ✓ Barking animals are regulated by the City. Any animal which barks frequently and at a loud enough volume to cause annoyance with neighbors is prohibited. You are subject to a fine if you violate this provision, so please make sure your pet is a 'good neighbor'.
- ✓ You may not keep a vicious animal as a pet in the City. An animal that has bitten a person or is afflicted with rabies is considered 'vicious'.
- ✓ It is illegal for any person to allow any domestic animal to run or be at large in public places. Please use a suitable leash and use good judgment when walking your pets in public places.

Cruelty/Neglect

- ✓ Cruelty and neglect cases have to be investigated. These issues are dealt with by Animal Control or the Humane Society.
- ✓ It is illegal to overwork, torture, torment, deprive of food and water, beat or kill any domestic animal.

Animal Waste

Please pick up after your pet within the City limits.

Animal Control

- ✓ Ionia County's Animal Control Department serves the citizens of the County in the area of animal control and places discarded and unwanted pets into new homes.
- ✓ Services conducted by Animal Control include:
 - Removal of unwanted/injured animals.
 - Processing of animal complaints from residents of Ionia County.
 - Humane euthanasia.
 - Dog licensing.
 - Rental of live traps.
 - Assistance with pet replacement.

Enforcement

- ✓ City officials, as well as County officials, can issue tickets for ordinance violations.
- ✓ Any person that violates the Animal provisions that are regulated by the City can be issued a fine by any authorized City official.

Humane Society

- ✓ The Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals, and to promoting pet adoption. It is a separate entity from Animal Control.
- ✓ The Humane Society will care for injured or neglected animals.
- ✓ The Humane Society will take pets that are given up by their owners.
- ✓ The Humane Society operates as a shelter for displaced pets. If you have an animal-related problem—such as strays, please contact the Ionia County Animal Control Department.

Contacts:

Barking dogs or animal bites:

City of Belding Police Department
(616) 794-1900, ext. 222

Violation regarding number of animals:

City of Belding Planning Department
(616) 794-1900, ext. 205

Stray animals, bites, cruelty issues:

Ionia County Animal Control
3256 Airport Road (M-66) – (616) 527-9000

Pet adoption:

Ionia County Humane Society
3256 S. State Road, Ionia – (616) 527-9040

Other rescue centers:

Safe Haven Humane Society
330 Fourth Street, Ionia – (616) 522-1611