

ORDINANCE 2010-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, REQUIRING THAT DOGS BE KEPT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR OWNERS, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, has previously adopted Ordinance 87-7, being the Village Nuisance Ordinance, which deals in part with animal nuisances; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1995, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida adopted Resolution 95-4, being a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida authorizing the Animal Control Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida, to enforce the St. Lucie County Animal Control Ordinance and/or the applicable provisions of the St. Lucie Village Nuisance Ordinance within the municipal limits of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, adopted Resolution 2006-6 to provide for stricter enforcement of the restrictions on animal nuisances which are provided by Ordinance 87-7, but no longer desired to enforce the County's animal control regulations within the Village's municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been requested to address keeping dogs under control and to provide for enforcement of such provisions by the Animal Control Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida;

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that the public health and safety would be promoted by adoption of such a regulation; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that a prerequisite to enforcement of such a regulation would be a method of identifying the owner of any dog and the owner's address;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida hereby ordains:

1. Ordinance 87-7, and Resolutions 95-4 and 2006-6, shall remain in full force and effect has hereby supplemented.

2. Dog owners shall, pursuant to the St. Lucie County Animal Control Ordinance, chip or tag or collar identify all dogs by owner's name and address, together with such other information as the County may require or the owner may deem appropriate.

3. Dog owners shall, at all times, keep their animals under control, either by restricting the dog to the owner's property or by having it under control by leash, voice command or other method, so as to prevent injury to person, other animals or property.

4. The Animal Control Division, Department of Public Safety, St. Lucie County, Florida, is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, and to pick up dogs which are loose and not subject to the owner's control.

5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this 21st day of September, 2010.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:
By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance 2010-04 which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 21st day of September, 2010.

Diane C. Orme
DIANE C. ORME, CLERK