

**TOWN OF ATHELSTANE
DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE
ORDINANCE #9**

The Town Board of Athelstane, Marinette County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings

1. **Dogs/Cats running at large** – A dog/cat is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under control of the owners or some other person.
2. **Untagged Dog/Cat** – A dog/cat is considered to be untagged if a valid license tag is not attached to a collar.

SECTION 2 - It shall be unlawful to allow any dog/cat to run loose and unaccompanied by its owner or some other person in control of such animal, at any time, in the Town of Athelstane. The exceptions to this section shall be dogs while in use for hunting purposes, dogs being used by police or law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel in law enforcement and in the location of lost or missing persons.

SECTION 3 - PENALTIES

If the owner of a dog/cat negligently or otherwise permits the dog/cat to run at large or untagged, the owner shall forfeit twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for the first offense and fifty (\$50.00) dollars for subsequent offenses plus those costs of prosecution permitted by Wisconsin statutes

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any section or sections herein shall be ruled unconstitutional by any competent court, such determination shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the others sections of this Ordinance and the remainder of said Ordinance shall remain in effect.

This ordinance adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Athelstane on this 9th day of February, 2016.

The Town Board of Athelstane

By: _____ Attest _____
John Dobratz - Chairman Janice DuChateau - Clerk

Harry Tesch Jr - Supervisor

David Jose - Supervisor