

# Know the Highland Park Municipal Code

Violations of the Highland Park Municipal Code will be cited and will require an appearance before an Administrative Hearing Officer who may impose fines and fees if found liable.

## Sec. 90.002 Unlawful Treatment of Animals

It is unlawful for anyone to commit or knowingly cause or allow any act of cruelty to any animal.

## Sec. 90.020 Rabies Inoculation

When you apply for a dog license, you will be asked to provide proof of rabies inoculation.

## Sec. 90.040(A) Running at Large

Any dog violating the Dog Running at Large section on two or more occasions will be subject to mandatory microchipping.

## Sec. 90.040 (C) Disturbing the Peace

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess, or harbor any animal that, by habitual and continuous barking, howling, yelping, brawling or other loud noise, annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, health, peace, repose, and/or safety of responsible persons of ordinary sensibilities.

## Sec 90.045-.47(D) Dangerous/Vicious Dog

Any dangerous/vicious dog that is not kept or maintained may be apprehended, impounded and removed from the corporate City limits.

## Sec. 90.055 Dog Biting

Owner must report the bite to the Police Dept & place the dog in a licensed veterinary hospital

## Sec. 90.095 Tethering

Be familiar with the City Code regarding tethering; there are certain restrictions in place

*The Highland Park Code can be found on the City's website in its entirety at [cityhpil.com](http://cityhpil.com)*



## What can I do to help?

To report suspected violations of the City Code, contact the Highland Park Police Department  
Non-Emergency line at  
847.432.7730

**In an emergency,  
always call 9-1-1**



# Responsible Pet Ownership



Important Information about  
Owning a Dog in Highland Park

Finance Department  
1707 St. Johns Avenue  
Highland Park IL 60035  
847.432.0800

For more information visit  
<http://www.cityhpil.com>

# Responsible Ownership

- 🐾 Recognizing that pet ownership requires an investment of time and money.
- 🐾 Ensuring dogs are properly identified (tags, microchips, etc.) and registration information is kept up-to-date (90.010)
- 🐾 When taking your dog for a walk, make sure he/she is on a leash and clean up after your dog (90.040 (A)(F))
- 🐾 Be familiar with Chapter 90 of the Highland Park Code regarding all matters about animals
- 🐾 Provide preventative and therapeutic health care for the life of your dog in consultation with, and as recommended by a veterinarian
- 🐾 Provide the proper socialization and appropriate training for dogs, which facilitates their well-being and the well-being of other animals and people
- 🐾 Supervise your dog when around other people, especially children
- 🐾 Make sure your dog, and all pets are provided adequate food, water and shelter (90.002)
- 🐾 Advance preparation to ensure the well-being of your dog in the event of an emergency or disaster
- 🐾 Maintain any dog runs, enclosures, etc., on your property in a sanitary condition that is not offensive to neighbors (90.120)
- 🐾 Recognizing when your dog is barking outside and taking immediate action to reduce the noise (90.040 (C))
- 🐾 Households should not have more than four dogs, cats or other domestic pets (150.202)

# Dog Bite Safety

## How can dog bites be prevented?

- 🐾 Children should not be around aggressive dogs
- 🐾 Understand the dog before buying & bringing home
- 🐾 Spay/Neuter your dog (this reduces aggression)
- 🐾 It is not wise to play aggressive games with your dog
- 🐾 Train, socialize and teach submissive behavior
- 🐾 Seek advice if your dog develops an aggressive behavior

## Basic Safety Tips for Children

- 🐾 Do not approach an unfamiliar dog
- 🐾 Do not run from a dog or scream
- 🐾 Only play with dogs when there is adult supervision
- 🐾 Do not disturb dogs that are sleeping, or eating
- 🐾 When unfamiliar dogs approach, remain motionless
- 🐾 Do not tease a dog

## Why Should I Be Concerned About Dog Bites?

- 🐾 The rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for those ages 5 to 9 years.
- 🐾 In 2012, about 27,000 people underwent surgery as a result of a dog bite.
- 🐾 Nearly 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year.

# Protect Your Dog

- 🐾 Cover electrical outlets and tape down loose cords so your pets don't chew on them.
- 🐾 To prevent drowning or poisoning from cleaners, ensure that all toilet seats are down.
- 🐾 Keep windows closed or ensure that window screens are secured and sturdy.
- 🐾 Secure trash cans with lids and take out the trash regularly.
- 🐾 Check for spaces that dogs can get trapped in and block them off.
- 🐾 Pick up loose items and anything smaller than your fist that may pose a choking hazard.
- 🐾 Make sure your mulch, flowers and fertilizer are dog safe.
- 🐾 Keep medication out of reach—store them up high and make sure all cabinets and drawers are closed.
- 🐾 Hide cleaners and automotive chemicals.
- 🐾 Keep only non-toxic plants in your home that are not dangerous to your dog.