

ORDINANCE NO. 23-O-0034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST CHICAGO AMENDING CHAPTER 11,
ARTICLE 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL AND
CARE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of West Chicago, in regular session assembled as follows:

Section 1. That Section 11-77 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Chicago entitled "Definitions" is hereby amended to delete the definition of "voice control" and to modify the definition of "Control", as follows:

"Control: Any owned animal that is either secured by a leash or lead contained by invisible fence or within the premises of its owner or another person with the consent of the person and prevented from leaving said premises by a fence, barrier or other restriction which contains the animal, or is confined within a crate or cage, or confined within a vehicle."

Section 2. That Section 11-78 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago entitled "Animal Care" is hereby amended to create a new subsection (aa) as follows:

"(aa) Each owner of any animal shall keep such animal exclusively on such owner's premises, except that any such animal may be off the premises if restrained by a substantial leash or chain or other appropriate restraint or physical device and under the direct supervision and immediate control of a competent person.

Trained police dogs utilized by an official law enforcement agency and assigned to a sworn peace officer as part of a canine team/unit shall be exempt from this provision."

Section 3. That Section 11-90 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Chicago entitled "Violations; punishments" is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following language shall be substituted:

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the violation of, or failure to comply with Section 11-78 (o)(3) and (o)(4) shall constitute an offense against the city, and shall subject the offender, upon a finding of liable, to a fine not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), for the first offense; a fine not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the second offense; a fine not less than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the third offence and every subsequent offense thereafter, up to statutory violation fine limit of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

The violation of any other provision of this section shall be subject to the penalty set forth in section 1-8 of this Code."