

**Big Lake Township**  
**Ordinance 85-1: Regulation of Animals (synopsis)**

- ❖ Dogs are not allowed to “run at large”.
- ❖ Dogs are to be confined to owner’s property. (The Town doesn’t recognize invisible fences.)
- ❖ Dogs must be leashed when off owner’s property.
- ❖ No more than 3 dogs over the age of 6 months can be kept.

Note: Stricter covenants may pertain to your property,  
but are not enforced by the Town, only through the  
covenants provisions.

- ❖ Dogs must be licensed with the Town Clerk’s Office-proof of rabies vaccination is required.
- ❖ Dogs are not allowed on any private property without the property owner’s permission.
- ❖ Dogs that are considered a “public nuisance” are not allowed to be in the Township. For Example, but not limited to: Repeatedly found at large; damaging property of anyone other than its owner; is/are vicious; by virtue of numbers, are offensive or dangerous to public health, safety and/or welfare; makes disturbing noises; molests passer (s) or vehicles; attacks other domestic animals.
- ❖ Keeping of certain animals “absolutely prohibited” includes: Animals or species prohibited by Federal or Minnesota Law; skunks, raccoons, crossbreed dogs/coyotes and dogs/wolves; large cats or members of the felidae, except commonly accepted domesticated cats; any exotic animal or species, when kept in such numbers or in a way as to cause harm.

**The Town of Big Lake requires that dog owners license their dogs. Dog licenses may be purchased at the Town Clerk’s Office with proof of rabies vaccination for \$10.00 each.**