

For more information, contact the Berlin Police Department during office hours, Mon-Fri: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 920-361-0444



Your pet depends on you.

The Berlin police department is concerned about the health, welfare, and safety of all citizens and dogs in the City of Berlin. This agency provides information to the public, enforces Berlin ordinances, and responds to complaints involving:

- Stray/lost dogs
- Vicious dogs
- Cruelty/Neglect
- Abandonment
- Other dog complaints

If your dog is lost or if you find a stray dog, call Green Lake County Non-Emergency Dispatch at 920-294-4000.



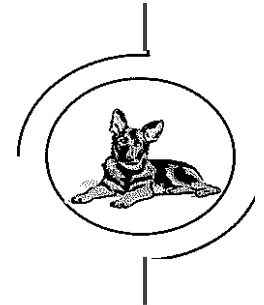
ORDINANCE	BOND AMOUNT
NO RABIES TAG-1st	\$149.20
NO LICENSE-1st	\$92.50
DOG ABUSE/NEGLECT	\$187.00
UNSANITARY PENS-1st	\$124.00
DOGS AT LARGE-1st	\$149.20
BARKING DOG-1st	\$149.20
FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPER SHELTER-1st	\$187.00
FAILURE TO PROVIDE FOOD&WATER-1st	\$187.00
FAILURE TO REMOVE FECES-1st	\$92.50
NEGLECT/ ABANDONMENT-1st	\$187.00
KEEPING MORE THAN 3 DOGS WITHOUT A KENNEL LICENSE-1st	\$187.00
FAILURE TO CONFINE AFTER DOG BITE-1st	\$187.00
DOGS IN PROHIBITED AREAS	\$92.50

*Bond amounts as of 01-01-2026 and are subject to change.
*Additional court fees will be applied to issued citations.

This pamphlet is intended to provide dog owners with a simplified review of the ordinances relating to dogs. This pamphlet does not contain all the requirements and provisions of regulations applicable to dogs. For a review of the regulations that would apply to your particular situation, please refer to the Berlin municipal code book which can be located at www.cityofberlin.net

Responsibilities of the dog owner...

in the City of Berlin, Green Lake and Waushara County.



City of Berlin Green Lake County residents can obtain dog licenses in-person at the City of Berlin Clerk's Office at 108 N. Capron St., Berlin, WI. For questions contact the City of Berlin Clerk's Office at 920-361-5400.

City of Berlin, Waushara County residents can obtain dog licenses from the Waushara County Clerk's Office at 380 S. Townline Rd., Wautoma, WI or apply online at co.waushara.wi.us For questions contact the Waushara County Clerk's Office at 920-787-0442.

Dog Owner's Responsibility

Dog owners have the responsibility to provide dogs a healthy, safe life and their neighbors a dog free existence. Berlin dog ordinances underline this concept and when obeyed prevent serious consequences such as:

- Injured, lost, or stolen dogs.
- Injured, aggravated, or annoyed citizens and neighbors.
- Owners' liability for damages caused by their animals, such as dog bites.
- Quarantine and laboratory expenses incurred for dog bite cases.
- Dangerous diseases, such as rabies.

Dogs **MUST** be licensed with the below listed tags attached to their collars and kept on the dog:

- Dog license tag
- Rabies vaccination tag



Rabies Vaccination Tag

THE LAW

Every dog in the city of Berlin must have a current vaccination against rabies and must wear their rabies tag.

Your Responsibilities

- Have a certified veterinarian vaccinate your dog.
- Dogs must be vaccinated within 30 days after reaching 4 months of age.
- Each dog vaccinated at less than 1 year of age shall be re-vaccinated 12 months after the initial vaccination.
- After the initial rabies vaccination, every dog shall be vaccinated at 3-year intervals with a 3 year vaccine or at 1-year intervals with a 1 year vaccine.
- Attach your dog's rabies vaccination tag to their collar.
- Save your dog's written rabies certificate.

Dog License Tag

THE LAW

Every dog owner must purchase a dog license for his/her dog when it reaches the age of 6 months. The license must be renewed on an annual basis. Maximum of three dogs per dwelling unit.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Purchase and receive a dog license from the appropriate Clerk's office. City of Berlin, Green Lake County residents obtain licenses from the City of Berlin Clerk's Office. City of Berlin, Waushara County residents obtain licenses from the Waushara County Clerk's office.

To obtain a dog license tag you must submit:

- The dog's current rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. The certificate must show the date the next rabies vaccination is due.
- Written proof of your dog's spaying or neutering if applicable.
- The correct license fee.

LICENSE FEES

- Spayed/neutered dogs: \$10.00
- Non-spayed/neutered dogs: \$15.00
- Renew the dog license each year. It is valid for one year, January 1st through December 31st.
- A \$5.00 penalty is due if not purchased by March 31st.
- If you no longer have your dog, contact the appropriate Clerk's Office to update records.



DOG BITES

- All dog bites must be reported immediately to the Berlin Police Department.
- All dog owners are subject to rabies quarantine procedures in the event of a dog bite.

In Berlin You Must

- Keep your dog quiet. Be a good neighbor and promote peace in the neighborhood.
- Confine your dog within your premises by keeping your dog chained, tethered, or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as to prevent your dog from interfering with the passing public or neighbors.
- Your dog will be considered running at large if it is not on a leash and under the control of a person physically able to control it, except when confined on your premises in accordance with other requirements of the ordinance.
- Keep your dog from prohibited areas such as parks, cemeteries, playgrounds, or schools.
- Immediately remove your dog's waste when excreted on property other than your own.
- Prevent the accumulation of dog waste on your property.
- Properly dispose of your dog's waste.
- Maintain pens and enclosures in a clean and sanitary condition.
- Always provide your dog sufficient food and fresh water.
- Dogs kept outside must be provided with adequate shade and shelter.
- All chains or tethers must be at least 10 feet long, must have a swivel at both ends, and shall not weigh more than one-eighth the dog's body weight.
- Never leave a dog enclosed or unattended in any type of vehicle where the air temperature inside and/or outside will cause the dog to be exposed to extreme weather conditions. On a warm day the temperature in a parked car can reach 160 degrees in a matter of minutes. Even with partially open windows, with only hot air to breathe, your dog can quickly suffer heat stroke which may cause brain damage.