

**ORDINANCE 2010-O-6**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF WINTHROP HARBOR  
ADDING REGULATIONS ON DANGEROUS ANIMALS**

**WHEREAS**, the problems involving the release of invasive foreign species and a related issue involving the harboring of dangerous animals as pets has become well known throughout northeastern Illinois, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has received a number of credible reports of dangerous animals being kept by local persons, and issues involving the possible invasion of Asian Carp into the waters of Lake Michigan have made national news headlines and have brought about a lawsuit filed against the State of Illinois by a number of sister states in the Supreme Court of the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has long had regulations in place which prohibit the harboring or keeping of dangerous animals and a number of invasive foreign species without proper permits issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), and

**WHEREAS**, the ability of the local authorities to enforce codes involving the keeping of wild and dangerous animals may be better than, or at least serve as a strong supplement to, the powers of the IDNR and the Conservation Police to enforce these regulations, and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities find that it is appropriate to take reasonable measures to protect the public and the local environment by adopting the regulations of the IDNR relating to the unlawful harboring of dangerous animals and invasive species,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** Chapter 90 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of Section 90.20, which shall hereafter read as follows:

**§ 90.20 INJURIOUS SPECIES.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, propagate, buy, sell, barter or offer to be bought, sold, bartered, transported, traded, transferred or loaned to any other person or institution any animal that is listed as a specimen of an “injurious species” pursuant to the regulations set forth in 17 ILL. ADM. CODE CH. I, SEC. 805, except in strict compliance with the licensing provisions of that regulation, as it may be in force and effect from time to time.

**SECTION TWO:** Section 90.99 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows:

Whoever violates the following series of code sections shall be fined pursuant to the chart set forth hereinbelow:

<i>Offense Section Number</i>	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
§ <a href="#">90.06</a> ; 90.20	\$200	\$300	\$400
§ <a href="#">90.08</a>	\$50	\$100	\$200
§ <a href="#">90.09</a>	\$50	\$100	\$200
§ <a href="#">90.10</a>	\$100	\$100	\$100
§ <a href="#">90.11</a>	\$25	\$25	\$50
§ <a href="#">90.15</a>	\$50	\$100	\$100
All other sections of chapter	\$100	\$200	\$400

**SECTION THREE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.**

**APPROVED:**

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**ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK**

**AYES: Braden, Luke, Marabella, Neargarder, Swindle**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Robards**

**FIRST READING: Waived 4/6/2010**

**SECOND READING: Waived 4/6/2010**

**ORDINANCE PASSED: 4/6/2010**