

DOG CONTROL

Ord. No. 253

Adopted: July 7, 1976

An ordinance to regulate barking dogs, dogs running at large, and dogs confined so as to create unsanitary, obnoxious conditions in Fenton Township, and to provide penalties for violations hereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, COUNTY OF GENESEE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 Owning, keeping, harboring, or having charge of a barking dog prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, or have charge of any dog which by loud, frequent, or persistent barking, howling, or yelping shall cause annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood in which such dog is so kept or harbored.

SECTION 2 Running at large-Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, harboring, or having charge of any dog to permit such dog to run at large within the Township. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large within the meaning of this ordinance when such dog shall wander unrestrained on any streets, alleys, parks, or public places within the Township or upon any private property within the Township other than that of the person owning, keeping, harboring, or having charge of such dog. It shall be lawful for any Genesee County dog catcher or Sheriff Deputy to seize any dog running at large in the Township in violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3 Confining so as to create unsanitary, obnoxious, etc., conditions prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, harboring, or having charge of any dog to confine, keep, or harbor such dog in a structure, pen, coop, or yard, or otherwise so as to create an unsanitary, unwholesome, malodorous, or obnoxious condition. Any structure, pen, or coop maintained for the purpose of confining, keeping, or harboring any dog shall not be constructed nor maintained so as to be nearer than 15 feet to any property line.

SECTION 4 Penalty for Violation.

Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall hereafter constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) together with the cost of prosecution and/or imprisonment in the Genesee County Jail or such other place of detention as the court may prescribe for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days.

(Amended: Ord. No. 570, 2-5-01)

SECTION 5 Publication.

The Township Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance as required by law.