

## **ARTICLE II. DOGS\***

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**\*State law references:** Dogs, MCL 287.261 et seq.

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### **Sec. 4-19. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Owner*, when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, shall include every person having a right of property in such dog, every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits such dog to remain in or about any premises occupied by him.

*Reasonable control* means keeping a dog on a suitable leash or under oral control of the owner, or custodian, or some other person with the permission of the owner in all cases other than on private property, unless the dog is confined in a closed automobile or shipping receptacle.

(Code 1992, § 3-26; Ord. No. 108, § 87, 5-9-1972; Ord. No. 123, § 1, 9-17-1975)

### **Sec. 4-20. Enforcing agency.**

The township police department is hereby designated the enforcing agency under this article and it shall be its duty to enforce the same.

(Code 1992, § 3-27; Ord. No. 123, § 10, 9-17-1975)

### **Sec. 4-21. Penalty for violations.**

A person who violates any provision of this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine as specified in section 1-17 of this Code, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines as provided by section 1-17 of this Code.

(Code 1992, § 3-28; Ord. No. 123, § 9, 9-17-1975; Ord. No. 123A, § 1, 4-8-1998)

### **Sec. 4-22. Owning, harboring dangerous dog prohibited.**

No person shall own or harbor a vicious dog, or a dog that has been bitten by any animal known to be afflicted with rabies. Any person who shall have in his possession a vicious dog or a dog which has contracted, or is suspected of having contracted, rabies or which has been bitten by any animal known to have been afflicted with rabies shall, upon demand of the health officer or any police officer of the township, produce and surrender such dog to the county health department or police department of the township to be held for observation and/or treatment; provided that with the approval of the health department, any such dog may be surrendered to a registered veterinarian. It shall be the duty of any person owning or harboring

a dog which has been attacked or bitten by another dog or animal showing the symptoms of rabies to immediately notify the police department that such person has such dog in his possession. Whenever a dog is brought to the pound or other shelter for having bitten a person, the dog warden or other duly authorized officer may, if deemed necessary and advisable, and after holding such dog a sufficient length of time to meet the requirements of the health department for investigation, cause such dog to be destroyed as a vicious dog.

(Code 1992, § 3-31; Ord. No. 123, § 6, 9-17-1975)

**State law references:** Destruction of vicious dogs, MCL 287.286a; dangerous animals, MCL 287.321 et seq.; rules for control of rabies, MCL 333.5111.

#### **Sec. 4-23. Yard cleanliness.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to keep yards and exercise dog runs free of dog droppings, uneaten food and maintained in a sanitary manner so as not to be a nuisance because of odor, attraction for flies and vermin.

(Code 1992, § 3-32; Ord. No. 123, § 5, 9-17-1975)

#### **Sec. 4-24. Barking dogs.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which, by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling, shall cause a serious annoyance to the neighborhood, or to people passing to and fro upon the streets.

(Code 1992, § 3-33; Ord. No. 123, § 4, 9-17-1975)

#### **Sec. 4-25. Reasonable control.**

It shall be unlawful for any dog not to be confined upon the premises of its owner or custodian, except when such dog is otherwise under the reasonable control of some person.

(Code 1992, § 3-34; Ord. No. 123, § 3, 9-17-1975)

#### **Sec. 4-26. Required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor any dog six months of age or over, in the township, unless such dog is licensed in accordance with the provisions of the law; in such case, made and provided, or to own, harbor or possess any dog six months old or over that does not, at all times, wear a collar or harness with a metal tag attached as required by law.

(Code 1992, § 3-46; Ord. No. 123, § 2, 9-17-1975)

**State law references:** Dog licensing, MCL 287.266 et seq.

### **DIVISION 15. SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS**

#### **Sec. 32-539. Table A, lot size, building height and yard setback requirements.**