

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

*Amended by  
# 236*

ORDINANCE NO. 196

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON PROHIBITING THE RUNNING AT LARGE AND BARKING OF DOGS, CATS OR OTHER ANIMALS, IN THE NATURE OF PETS, UPON THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, OR UPON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE OWNERS OF SAID ANIMALS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal, in the nature of a pet, to allow such dog, cat or other animal, in the nature of a pet, to run at large, unattended, at anytime, either upon any of the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township of Washington, or upon the property of anyone other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such, unless accompanied by and under the immediate control of such owner, custodian or keeper.

SECTION 2: Any person or persons owning or having supervision or control of any dog, cat or other animal, in the nature of pets, which is found running at large in violation of Section 1 hereof, shall, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice, be fined not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, plus the costs of prosecution.

SECTION 3: The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all dogs, cats and other animals, in the nature of pets, found running at large in violation of Section 1 hereof, irrespective of payment for or issuance of any license with respect to the animal involved.

SECTION 4: It is hereby declared that the barking, howling, baying, yelping, screeching, crying and other noise making by dogs, cats and other animals, which do so for a period in excess of fifteen (15) minutes, while outdoors, is a threat to the peace, tranquillity and health of the citizens of Washington Township, and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. In the event that any owner of such animal shall permit such animal to so disturb the neighborhood, said owner shall be subject to the fines set forth herein.

SECTION 5: There is excluded from the provisions of this Ordinance hunting with dogs, training dogs and field trials, while such activities are actually in progress.

SECTION 6: The provisions of this Ordinance shall be considered as severable, and should any part or portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, or should it be declared unconstitutional with respect to any type or breed of animals covered herein, it is the intention that this Ordinance shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect and be valid with respect to all of the terms and provisions hereof.

SECTION 7: For purposes of enforcement of this Ordinance, the Township of Washington specifically reserves the right, through its Police Department, to keep or house any pets found to be in violation of this Ordinance in the event that the owner of said pet is unavailable, or can not be determined, to remedy or cure any violations arising hereunder. The owner or keeper of said pet may, thereafter, pick up said pet at the Township Municipal Building by producing or displaying the license for said pet to the appropriate Township Enforcement Officer. If said pet is housed or stored at the Township facility for more than twenty-four (24) hours, the

Township shall be entitled to collect a fee of Five (\$5.00) Dollars per day for each day that the pet is housed or stored at the Township facility. If the pet remains at the Township facility for more than five (5) days, the Township reserves the right to transfer the pet to the Northampton County SPCA facility in accordance with applicable State rules and regulations.

SECTION 8: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict of provisions.

SECTION 9: This Ordinance shall be placed into effect immediately upon enactment hereof.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Washington, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, into an Ordinance, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Ignatz Klausz, Jr.  
Ignatz Klausz, Jr., Chairman

By: David Renaldo  
David Renaldo

By: David Hess  
David Hess

ATTEST:

By: Jane A. Mellert  
Jane A. Mellert, Secretary

Approved and certified this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

Ignatz Klausz, Jr.  
Ignatz Klausz, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Jane A. Mellert  
Jane A. Mellert, Secretary