

Ordinance No. 2-2008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCHUYLKILL, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE HARBORING OF AN ANIMAL NUISANCE; EXCEPTIONS; PENALTIES

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Schuylkill Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, this Ordinance is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. No person shall keep or harbor any dog, cat, or other animal in the Borough so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public, or otherwise permit the commission or existence of a nuisance as defined herein.

SECTION 2. Any dog, cat or other animal, which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping, whines, bays, cries, or makes other such noises continually and incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or makes such noise intermittently for one-half (½) hour to the disturbance of any person or in any way or manner disturbs the quiet of any person of the community, or which disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose or health of persons, is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance. No owner or person having custody of such animal shall harbor or permit it to commit such a nuisance.

SECTION 3. Any dog, cat or other animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrubs, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

SECTION 4. Any dog, cat or other animal which runs uncontrolled, molests or disturbs persons or vehicular traffic by chasing, barking or biting or damages property other than that of the owner, creates an insect breeding or attraction site or unsanitary condition due to an accumulation of excreta.

SECTION 5. No person being the owner or in charge or control of any dog, cat or other animal shall permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, city park or other public property, or upon any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such dog, cat or other animal without the permission of the owner of such property. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and dispose of the same in a sanitary manner, such type of nuisance shall be considered abated.

SECTION 6. Persons with defective eyesight or hearing while relying upon a dog specifically trained for these purpose shall be exempt from compliance with this Section.

SECTION 7. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution, for each offense thereof.

ORDAINED this 2nd day of July, 2008.

TOWNSHIP OF SCHUYLKILL

BY: Joseph Boran
Joseph Boran, Chairman

BY: Maureen Vanek
Maureen Vanek, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

BY: Linda Decindio
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