

# Chapter 7      Animal Control

- 7.1      TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Township of Freedom Animal Control Ordinance.
- 7.2      DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this ordinance:
- 7.2.1    Animal means live stock, poultry, dogs, cats and reptiles.
- 7.2.2    Live stock means horses, stallions, colts, gelding, mares, sheep, rams, lambs, bulls, bullock, steers, heifers, cows, calves, mules, jacks, jennets, burros, goats, kids, swine and any other fur bearing animals being raised in captivity.
- 7.2.3    Poultry means all domestic fowl, ornamental birds and game birds.
- 7.2.4    Owner when applied to the proprietorship of an animal means every person having a right of property in the animal and every person who keeps or harbors the animal or has it in his care and every person who permits the animal to remain on or about any premises occupied or controlled by him.
- 7.2.5    Reasonable Control means a dog shall be deemed to be under reasonable control when such dog is on the premises of its owner or when such dog, not being on the premises of its owner, is with and under the control of its owner his agent or some member of the owner's family.
- 7.3      REQUIRING THAT DOGS BE LICENSED AND VACCINATED
- 7.3.1    It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or possess any dog over the age of six (6) months, within the Township of Freedom that does not at all times wear a collar with a license and vaccination tag attached thereto as provided by the laws of the State of Michigan.
- 7.3.2    It shall be unlawful for any person except the owner or the authorized agent of such owner to remove any license or vaccination tag from a dog.
- 7.4      PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog in the Township of Freedom to allow such dog to stray beyond the premises of such owners unless under reasonable control, or for the owner of any female dog to, permit said female to go beyond the premises of such owner when she is in heat unless such dog is held properly in leash; Further it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog not to have such dog under reasonable control at all times.
- 7.5      BARKING DOGS AND FEROCIOUS DOGS AND CATS.
- 7.5.1    It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog in the Township of Freedom to allow such dog to howl, bark, whine or otherwise create noise disturbing or annoying other persons in their reasonable use and enjoyment of premises other than the premises of such owner.
- 7.5.2    It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat that is vicious, ferocious, or which without provocation, has bitten or otherwise injured any person to own or allow such dog or cat to be kept or maintained in the Township of Freedom, unless so confined as to prevent injury or threat of injury of any person by such dog or cat.
- 7.6      PROHIBITING OFFENSIVE KEEPING OF ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal in the Residential Area of Freedom Township to allow such animals to be kept or maintained on premises in any manner causing noxious or offensive odors to be emitted from such premises.
- 7.7      PROHIBITING LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ENTERING PRIVATE LANDS. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any live stock or poultry in the Township of Freedom to allow such live stock or poultry, while under the control of such owner, to enter upon lands of other persons without the consent of the owner or lessee of such lands.
- 7.8      REQUIRING ENCLOSURE OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any livestock and poultry in the Township of Freedom to allow such livestock and poultry to be kept or maintained on any premises without such livestock and poultry being enclosed within pens, shelter or fences in a manner to prevent such livestock and poultry from straying beyond premises.

- 7.9 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. Any person violation any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and the costs of prosecution thereof, by imprisonment in the County jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both.
- 7.10 PENALTY. Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and costs of prosecution or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall contribute a separate offense. The imposition of any such sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the Ordinance.
- 7.11 SEVERABILITY. If any court of law of equity within the State of Michigan determines that any provision within this Ordinance is unconstitutional, void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the same Section and other Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate, distinct and valid in all respects from said provision.
- 7.12 ENFORCEABILITY OR MANDATORY INJUNCTION. As a cumulative remedy to Section \_\_\_\_ above entitled PENALTY any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, may be made a Party Defendant in a suit in the Circuit Court for the County of Lenawee; the Township of Freedom shall have the power, through its attorneys, to request that said Circuit Court issue a Mandatory Injunction compelling the said Party Defendant in violation of this Ordinance to forthwith comply with said Ordinance.
- 7.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

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