

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2000

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE
1280 AND SETTING STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL AND
MANAGEMENT OF DOGS AND CATS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSURING
THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELL-BEING AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS
THEREOF.

SECTION 1. - DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in this ordinance shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

ANIMAL - A dog, cat or other domesticated companion animal (pet).

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Agent(s) designated by the Municipality of Monroeville to enforce this ordinance.

AT LARGE - Off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a member of his immediate family or guardian, either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

CAT - Domestic feline, Felis domesticus.

DOG - Domestic canine, Canis familiaris.

HARBOR - To provide food and shelter for any dog, cat, or domesticated animal on a periodic or temporary basis.

IMPOUND - To apprehend, catch, trap, net or if necessary to kill any animal by the Animal Control Officer or the Police Department.

OWNER/GUARDIAN - A person having right of property or custody of any animal; and/or one who has an animal in his care or custody; or who knowingly permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by said person.

PERSON - Any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust, estate, or other legal entity.

SECTION 2. - ANIMAL LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION

- A. No person shall keep, harbor, or maintain a dog over the age of six months unless the owner obtains a license from the Allegheny County Treasurer or his or her authorized agent.
- B. No person shall keep, harbor or maintain a dog or cat unless the owner identifies the animal with an identification collar or tag that clearly and legibly states the animal owner's name, address, and telephone number.

SECTION 3. - ANIMAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- A. All dogs and cats over six months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the latest Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines and Recommendations for Immunizations, published by the National Association of State and Public Health Veterinarians.
- B. Proof of rabies vaccination must be presented, on demand, to the Animal Control Officer or an officer of the Monroeville Police Department.
- C. The owner of a dog or cat shall keep all premises occupied or used by the animals in a clean and sanitary condition. Failure to provide adequate food, water, or space shall subject the animals to seizure by the Animal Control Officer or the Monroeville Police Department. ("Adequate" shall mean sufficient for the age, size and number of animals on the premises.)
- D. No person shall be cruel or inhumane to a dog or cat. Said cruelty and inhumanity shall consist of teasing, beating, torturing, mutilating, poisoning, cruelly killing or clearly failing to provide food, water or shelter for an animal or abandoning any animal of which that person has charge as owner/guardian or otherwise.
- E. Any person operating a motor vehicle which strikes and injures or kills a dog or cat shall stop and promptly report the incident to the Monroeville Police Department. The operator of such motor vehicle shall report to the police his or her name, address, telephone number, insurance carrier and policy number and license number.

SECTION 4 - ANIMAL CONDUCT AND NUISANCES PROHIBITED

- A. No person as owner or guardian of a dog or cat shall permit the animal to run at large beyond the boundaries of the private premises of the owner or guardian. The Animal Control Officer and/or the Police Department shall seize and detain any animal running at large and unaccompanied by the owner or guardian.
- B. No dog shall be permitted upon the public streets or upon public property unless restrained by a leash not to exceed six feet in length and accompanied by an adult or minor capable of controlling said animal.
- C. No dog or cat shall be tied near a public building or other public facility which would intimidate person(s) from approaching or passing such areas.
- D. No dog or cat shall be kept, maintained, harbored or permitted entry into a place of business which stores and/or sells good for human consumption. Exception shall be made for guide dogs, hearing dogs, aid dogs for the handicapped and dogs used by Municipal and State Police Departments.
- E. No dog or cat shall be permitted to bite, chase, leap at or jump upon or otherwise harass bicyclists, motor vehicles and/or pedestrians passing through a public right-of-way.
- F. No dog or cat shall be permitted to engage in habitual and continuous loud howling, barking or crying or otherwise conduct itself in such a manner as to annoy any person other than the animal owner regardless of whether or not the dog is on the owner's premises. ("Habitual and continuous" shall be defined as more than ten minutes at any one time.) The Animal Control Officer and/or the Police Department shall request that the owner or guardian of any animal engaged in habitual and continuous nuisance noise making to immediately quiet the animal and/or move it indoors.
- G. No dog or cat shall be permitted to urinate or defecate on public or private property other than that property owned by the animal's owner or guardian. If such animal should defecate upon the private property of another of public property, the owner or guardian of said animal shall be responsible for the immediate clean up and proper disposal of the feces.
- H. No dog or cat shall be permitted to damage, deface, or destroy any property or article not belonging to the animal's owner. Any injuries, expenses and/or damages caused by said animal which are not due to the contributory negligence of another person, shall be the sole responsibility of the animal's owner.

SECTION 5 - SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDING

- A. The Animal Control Officer and/or the Monroeville Police shall have the power to seize and impound any dog or cat found to be running at large or of an immediate danger or health risk to itself, other animals or the general public.
- B. The Animal Control Officer and/or the Monroeville Police shall have the power to immediately destroy any animal where proper complaint or other evidence has verified the fact that said animal is mad of suffering from rabies.
- C. After the impounding of any animal, if the animal is licensed and/or properly identified, the owner shall be notified and given a period of ten days to redeem said animal upon payment of all costs, charges and penalties incurred and assessed by the Municipality of Monroeville.
- D. After the impounding of any animal, licensed or unlicensed, identified or unidentified, if said animal is not redeemed within ten days, said animal may be made available for public or private sale or euthanized in some humane manner.

SECTION 6 - PENALTY AND VIOLATION

- A. Whoever violates any one or more of the provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance shall be fined \$25.00 plus costs for a first offense and \$50.00 plus costs for a second offense.
- B. Whoever violates any one or more of the provisions of Section 3 of this ordinance shall be fined \$50.00 plus costs for a first offense and \$75.00 for a second offense.
- C. Whoever violates any one or more of the provisions of Section 4 shall first be issued a letter of warning by the Animal Control Officer, a fine of \$50.00 plus costs shall be imposed for a second offense and a fine of \$75.00 plus costs shall be imposed for a third offense.
- D. Fines and penalties for subsequent offenses of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be determined and assessed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Animal Control Officer or an Officer of the Monroeville Police Department.

SECTION 7 - SEVERABILITY

- A. The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable, and, if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional or superseded by the laws of the County of Allegheny or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, such determination shall repeal those provisions however not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.
- B. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions contained herein are hereby repealed.

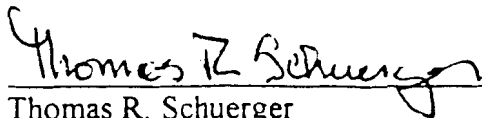
BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law the 12th day of November, 1996.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE



Mary Ann Nau
Municipal Manager



Thomas R. Schuerger
Mayor

ENTERED INTO LEGAL BOOK ON: November 22, 1996