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Part 1**Animal Regulations****§2-101. Dogs Running at Large Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog to allow such dog to run at large at any time, either upon any of the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Borough or in any public building or upon the property of another than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog, except when such dog has on a collar to which is attached the proper license tag for the current year and is fastened by leash and under the immediate control of such owner, custodian or keeper.

(Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §1)

§2-102. Dogs May Be Required to Be Muzzled.

Borough Council may cause and require all owners, custodians and keepers of dogs to muzzle such dogs. Advertisement by one insertion in a daily paper circulated in the Borough shall be considered sufficient notice of such determination of Council.

(Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §2)

§2-103. Impounding of Dogs.

Borough Council is authorized to procure and establish a location, or they may enter into an agreement with any humane association, either within or without the limits of the Borough, for the purpose of impounding all dogs found running at large in contravention of this Part, wherein such dogs shall be confined.

(Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §3)

§2-104. Disposition of Licensed Dogs.

The Mayor or other person designated by Council shall notify the owner of a licensed dog by registered or certified mail, with return receipt, that the dog is impounded and will be disposed of in 5 days if not claimed. Five days after the return receipt has been received, and the dog has not been claimed, the dog may be sold or destroyed in accordance with the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-302.

(Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §4; as amended by Ord. 2006-1, 12/6/2006)

§2-105. Disposition of Unlicensed Dogs.

Unlicensed dogs that are seized shall be held in such facility as may be established in §2-103 hereof for 48 hours and if not claimed may be destroyed in accordance with the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-303.

(Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §5; as amended by Ord. 2006-1, 12/6/2006)

§2-106. Production of License Certificate.

It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a license certificate has been issued to fail to produce a license certificate for such dog upon demand of any police officer or agent of the Borough.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §6*)

§2-107. Dog Agent.

Borough Council may, if it sees fit, designate a person to act as dog agent or it may delegate the duties of such agent to a police officer or to a humane association, whose duty it shall be to make proper and legal disposition of all animals as hereinbefore provided.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §7*)

§2-108. Dog Nuisances.

1. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property.

2. Any person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, or any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by a sanitary method.

3. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any such dog, in accordance with the provisions of this Part, in a sanitary manner.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §8*)

§2-109. Dangerous Dogs.

1. A dog determined to be dangerous under §502-A of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-502-A, shall be restrained or otherwise kept in accordance with Article V-A of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-501A *et seq.*

2. Dogs may be destroyed only in accordance with the requirements of §501 of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-501, and otherwise, said dogs must be detained and delivered to the police or a State dog warden. While detained, said dog must be treated in a humane manner.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §9; as amended by Ord. 2006-1, 12/6/2006*)

§2-110. Animal Noise.

No person shall keep any dog or other animal which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in its vicinity or neighborhood.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §10*)

§2-111. Obstruction.

Any person who shall obstruct the police officers, or other persons appointed as aforesaid, in carrying out the provisions of this Part, or who shall willfully or maliciously obstruct or molest the persons employed in the seizure or transportation of

the dogs captured by them, shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, under the penalties provided in this Part.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §11*)

§2-112. Penalties.

1. The first two times a dog is seized, the owner shall pay a fine of \$15 to the Borough as well as reasonable fees for keeping the animal in a kennel in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of the Borough Council.

2. Any person allowing a dog to run at large a third time in violation of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fines and cost, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Part not related to dogs running at large, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not be exceed \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

(*Ord. 80-4, 8/6/1980, §12; as amended by Ord. 2006-1, 12/6/2006*)

