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**DOG ORDINANCE**

**§ 101. Short Title.**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Robeson Township Dog Ordinance.

**§ 102. Definition.**

Owner – The term owner shall include every person having a right to proprietorship of a dog and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his or her care and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her.

**§ 103. Restraint Required.**

The owners of every dog within the Township of Robeson shall at all times keep such dog either:

- 1) Confined within an enclosure from which it cannot escape;
- 2) Firmly secured by means of a collar and chain; or
- 3) Under the reasonable control of some person when engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition or field training.

**§ 104. Running at Large.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, at any time whatsoever, to permit such dog to run at large in the Township of Robeson, either upon any of the streets, alleys or public grounds or upon the private property of one other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog, without the express permission of said owner.

**§ 105. Nuisances.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog which is under his or her custody or control, either by leash, restraint, verbal commend or otherwise, to deposit feces upon any public property whatsoever nor on any private property without the permission of the owner of said property, unless such owner shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog and dispose of the same by using a sanitary method.

Any person in charge of a dog(s) while on their premises shall remove said dog(s) feces on a daily basis to prevent a health hazard and not negatively impact neighbors' quality of life. Said waste shall be deposited in the owner's garbage or disposed of in some other sanitary method.

In the event of a nuisance violation with regard to dog feces, the Robeson Township Code Enforcement Officer or Robeson Township Police shall issue a notice of violation for the owner to properly dispose of the feces within twenty-four (24) hours.

**§ 106. Disturbance of the Peace.**

It shall be unlawful to own, harbor or keep in custody of any dog which disturbs the peace by barking, howling or making other loud noises to the annoyance and discomfort of any person in the Township of Robeson. Continuous barking, howling or the making of any other loud noises by such dog for more than one-half (1/2) hour during any time of the day or night, shall be deemed to disturb the peace and to cause the annoyance and discomfort of persons in the Township of Robeson, regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property.

**§ 107. Violations and Penalties.**

Any person or persons, corporation, partnership or other entity whatsoever violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof by summary proceedings, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than Twenty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$300.00) for any single violation of this Ordinance together with the costs of prosecution. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense. In default of the payment of any fine, the defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses.

(Ordinance No. 06-05, 11/21/06; as amended by Ordinance No. 09-04, 5/21/09, §1).