

CHAPTER 2
ANIMALS
ARTICLE 1
DOGS AT LARGE

§2-101. Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents in the Township of Oakland, County of Butler, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in regards to the control and possession of dogs, providing for their confinement, and making it unlawful for the owners or persons who harbor dogs or permit dogs to remain on their premises, to permit the said dogs to run at large or to permit the said dogs to remain in the open and to howl, yelp or bark or to permit said dogs to cause annoyance to the citizens, residents or other persons lawfully in the Township of Oakland by barking, yelping, howling, biting, jumping on, knocking down or attacking persons, or otherwise damaging or injuring property, bushes or shrubs, and providing penalty for the violation of this Article.

§2-102. Definition

The word "owner" as used in this Article shall include every person having the right of proprietorship or ownership in a dog, and every person who keeps or harbors a dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits a dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

§2-103. General Provisions

- A. The owner of all dogs within the Township of Oakland shall at all times keep such dogs confined within an enclosure so that the said dogs cannot escape or run at large, or the said dogs shall be firmly secured so that they cannot stray, or escape, or run at large.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

- B. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit such dog, whether licensed or not, to run at large in the Township of Oakland, County of Butler, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

- C. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit such dog to remain in the open and to howl, yelp, or bark for extended periods of time.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

- D. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit said dog to cause annoyance to the citizens, residents, or other persons lawfully in the Township of Oakland, by barking, yelping, howling, or causing any other unseemly noise.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

- E. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit said dog to injure any human being by biting, jumping on, knocking down, or by attacking said human being.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

- F. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit such dog to damage or injure personal property, real estate, shrubs, hedges, flowers or any growing thing by running over or running across the said property or by urinating thereon or defiling the same, or by causing excrement to be placed thereon.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.

§2-104. Penalties and Violations

Any person convicted of violation of this Article or a similar proceeding before a District Magistrate shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the cost of this prosecution, and in default of the payment of the fine and cost shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the Butler County Prison for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

Ord. No. 3-1976, 10/4/76.