

SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 149

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OWNERS, CUSTODIANS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS FROM ALLOWING SUCH DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE IN SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDING OF SUCH DOGS WHEN AT LARGE; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENTS OF CHARGES INCURRED BY REASON OF SUCH DETENTION OF DOGS; PROHIBITING LOUD OR HARSH NOISES OR DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY DOGS OR OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS; PROHIBITING ANY ANIMAL FROM DEFILING, BEFOULING, CORRUPTING OR OTHERWISE DESECRATING PUBLIC PROPERTY OR THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER; REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERS FIVE AND EIGHTY-THREE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of South Lebanon Township, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Authority of the same as follows:

SECTION ONE: DEFINITIONS

(a) "Dog" means and includes all dogs, cats, domesticated animals, nondomesticated animals and fowl.

(b) "Owner", when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, includes every person having a right or property in such dog and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care or custody, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises owned or acquired

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by him.

SECTION TWO: It shall be the duty of the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, and the duty of the parent or guardian of any minor owner of any dog, to keep the dog securely tied or penned in an enclosure in such a manner that the dog cannot break loose and run at large over the streets, alleys or public grounds and parks, in the Township of South Lebanon or upon the property of anyone other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog, unless accompanied by the under the immediate control of such owner, custodian or keeper.

SECTION THREE: It shall be the duty of the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, while traveling on the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township of South Lebanon, to have the dog on a leash at all times, and to prevent the dog from entering upon the property of any person or persons in the Township of South Lebanon without the property owner's consent.

SECTION FOUR: Any police officer, constable or peace officer is hereby authorized to seize and impound any dog found running at large, unattended in the Township of South Lebanon and to convey it to the place designated by the Township Supervisors as a pound. Notice of such seizure shall be sent to the owner of such dog in the manner prescribed by law and such dog may be redeemed by the owner thereof within the time specified by law, upon payment of the charges incurred by reason of such detention.

SECTION FIVE: No person shall allow any dog confined on that person's premises to make any loud or harsh noise or

disturbance which will interfere with or deprive the peace, quiet, rest or sleep of any person within the neighborhood.

SECTION SIX: No person shall allow any dog owned by him or under his control to defile, befoul, corrupt or otherwise desecrate any sidewalk, walkway, street, public ground, public park or any other property of another within South Lebanon Township.

SECTION SEVEN: IMPOUNDING; COSTS

Any dog, whether bearing a proper license tag or not, seized and detained under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be properly kept and fed, and immediate notice, either personal or by registered mail, shall be given by the officer to the owner of the dog, or his agent, directing the owner or agent to claim the dog in three days.

The owner of a licensed dog so detained shall pay all fines and costs imposed by this Ordinance for the violation thereof and also the expense of impounding and keeping the dog before the dog is returned. If, after three days from the giving of such notice, the dog has not been claimed by its owner, the officer may remove the collar and tag, dispose of the dog by sale or cause the same to be destroyed in some humane manner.

SECTION EIGHT: OBSTRUCTING OFFICER

Any person who shall obstruct any officer or other person appointed under this Ordinance of carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, or who shall willfully or maliciously obstruct or molest the officer in the seizure or transportation of dogs in

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violation of this Ordinance, shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, under the penalties provided in this article.

SECTION NINE: AGREEMENTS WITH HUMANE SOCIETY

The Supervisors of South Lebanon Township are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into agreements, if not heretofore entered into, with any officially recognized humane society for the purpose of assisting in carrying out the intention of this article. Without limiting the scope of the proceeding sentence, this shall be deemed to include finding homes for dogs which have been seized under the provisions of this Ordinance and assisting in their destruction according to law.

SECTION TEN: DOG POUND

The Township of South Lebanon may provide a suitable pen or pound within or without the Township limits for the keeping of such dogs as may be found running at large in violation of this Ordinance. The Supervisors of South Lebanon Township are hereby authorized to appropriate and expend such funds as are deemed necessary for the maintenance of such pounds and the keeping of such dogs.

SECTION ELEVEN: Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the Courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION TWELVE: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, specifically Ordinance Numbers 5 and 83, in conflict with this

Ordinance or consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give the Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION THIRTEEN: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine to the Township of South Lebanon of not less than five (5.00) Dollars nor more than Six Hundred (600.00) Dollars for each and every offense, and costs of prosecution.

ATTEST:

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance #149 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of South Lebanon Township on August 2, 1988.

Curtis E Kulp (SEAL)
Secretary