CHAPTER 2

**ANimals**

### Part 1

**Dogs**

 **§101. Title**. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the White Deer Township Dog Ordinance.

 **§102. Definitions.**

BOARD - The Board of Supervisors of White Deer Township, Union County, Pennsylvania.

OFFICER - Any person employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Township of White Deer, whose duty is to preserve peace, make arrests, or enforce the Pennsylvania Dog Law Act of December 7, 1982, P.L. 784, or this Ordinance.

OWNER OF A DOG - When applied to the proprietorship of a dog, the term Owner includes every person having a right of property in such dog, and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

R-2 AND R-3 ZONES – Those portions of White Deer Township known as the Low-Medium Density Residential Zone (R-2) and the Medium Density Residential Zone (R-3), as those terms and areas are defined and designated in the Zoning Ordinance of White Deer Township, as enacted March 29, 1968, and as amended, and on the official Zoning Map of White Deer Township, prepared pursuant to the authority of the said Zoning Ordinance.

 **§103. Disturbing the Peace.** Within any Low-Medium Density Residential Zone (R-2) or any Medium Density Residential Zone (R-3) of White Deer Township, it shall be unlawful to own a dog which by frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping, or baying, or in any way or manner injures or disturbs the quiet of any person or the community, or which disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose, or health of persons within the community.

 **§104. Warnings to Owners of Disturbing Dogs.**

(1) Any person may request the Officer to warn any person who shall own, harbor or keep in custody any dog which disturbs the peace by barking, howling, or making other loud noises to the annoyance and discomfort of persons in the R-2 and R-3 Zones of White Deer Township.

(2) A warning of the Officer shall consist of delivery of a copy of this Ordinance to the residence of any such owner. In the absence of any such warning made by the Officer, the complaining person may request the Secretary of the Township of White Deer to provide such warning.

(3) Any such request shall be in writing and shall identify and specify the residence of the owner of the dog and shall identify and specify the residence of the person making the request. Upon receipt of such request, the Secretary shall mail a copy of this Ordinance to the person identified as the owner of the dog.

(4) A violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have occurred upon a second or subsequent violation of §103 after the date of delivery of the warning.

 **§105. Enforcement.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten dollars ($10.00) nor more than three hundred dollars ($300.00) to be collected as fines and penalties are now collected, and in default of payment and/or to undergo imprisonment in the Union County Jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

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