

ORDINANCE NO. 11

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL ONE FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS OF AMITY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

Section 1. In order to protect the health, safety, property, and general welfare of the citizens of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, by prohibiting the running at large of all dogs within the residential one family, residential multiple family, business and industrial districts of Amity Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, do hereby enact and ordain the following:

Section 2. That from and after the effective date of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person who owns or has custody of a dog not to prevent such dog from running at large, except as authorized by state law.

Section 3. Definition of Terms - The following words when used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section: (a) "Owner" - The word owner when applied to the proprietorship of a dog shall include 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. (b) "Person" - The word person shall include individuals, corporations, co-partnerships, and associations. Singular words shall include the plural. Masculine words shall include the feminine and neuter. (c) "At Large" - The words at large used in reference to dogs shall mean off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or person either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

Section 4. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace in a summary proceeding to a fine of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and costs of prosecution or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty days (30), or both.

Section 5. If any section or part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance; it is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such invalid section, or portion of a section, not have been included herein.

Section 6. All other Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such inconsistency may exist.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this 6th day of May, 1961.

s/ Irwin L. Geiger
s/ Norman C. Smith
s/ Irvin Miller
Supervisors of the Township
of Amity

Attest:

s/ Russell H. High
Secretary

Effective five (5) days after adoption.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance enacted by the Supervisors of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 1961.

s/ Russell H. High
Secretary of Amity Township
Road Board