

# **DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

## **DOG ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance No. 15.2**

**An ordinance to regulate the possession, care and control of dogs within the township; to protect township residents in the peaceful enjoyment of their homes; and to protect the public health by preventing unsanitary conditions from occurring.**

### **SECTION 1. LICENSES**

**No dog(s) over six (6) months in age shall be kept or harbored by any person unless a currently valid dog license for the animal has been issued by the County of Lapeer.**

### **SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITY**

**Any person with a dog license in his/her name or any person who keeps or harbors a dog(s) shall be responsible and liable for any and all acts committed by said dog(s).**

### **SECTION 3. CONTROL**

**All dog(s) shall be kept under full control on a leash when within the road right of way and/or off the premises of the household at which the dog(s) are regularly kept.**

### **SECTION 4. NOISE**

**Dog(s) that are creating a disturbance by barking and howling audible beyond the owner's lot for more than ten (10) minutes is not under control by the owner. No person shall permit any dog(s) which is harbored on his/her premises to create a nuisance by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, or other noise. See Section 5 of Noise Control Ordinance No. 37.10**

### **SECTION 5. NUMBER**

**No more than three (3) dogs over four (4) months in age shall be kept, harbored or allowed to remain on the premises of any single household without a kennel approval. For the purposes of this section, any dwelling in which people reside shall be considered a single household. The premises of a household shall include the residence, any out buildings, and the land around the residence and buildings. Additional dogs may be allowed on any premises which have "approved kennels" pursuant to the Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance see Kennels Section 6.02D of Zoning Ordinance No. 100**

**SECTION 6. MANURE**

Dog manure shall be cleaned up at a minimum of once per week and not allowed to accumulate so that odors there-from are detectable or noticeable beyond the lot on which the dog(s) are located. Dog manure shall not be piled or stored in the open. Dog(s) that defecate on other's property is to be cleaned up immediately by the dog(s) owner and disposed of properly.

**SECTION 7. PENALTY**

Violation of this ordinance shall be a civil infraction which shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine at the following levels:

- a) \$100 for the first offense
- b) \$150 for the second offense
- c) \$200 for more than two offenses

**SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT**

The Lapeer County Sheriff Department, the Lapeer County Animal Control Department, the Lapeer County Health Department, the Supervisor of Deerfield Township, and/or any agent designated by the Deerfield Township Board are hereby named as the enforcing agencies for this ordinance.

**SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY**

This ordinance and the various sections and provisions thereof are hereby declared severable. If any section or subsection is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

**SECTION 10. REPEAL**

The former dog ordinance(s) 15 & 15.1 adopted on September 8, 1976 and June 19, 2002 respectively is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Deerfield hereby certify that this ordinance was adopted at a meeting duly held on the 19 day of March, 2009 and this ordinance was published in the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009. This ordinance was made effective thirty (30) days after the date of publication.

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Raymond R. Hayes, Supervisor

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Debra S. Oliver, Clerk