

PER NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP CODE:

Pet Ownership Policy

Listed below are the regulations for pet control:

1. Pets must be leashed when not on their owner's property. All leashed pets must be under control.
2. All defecation from pets must be picked up, bagged and disposed of in the owner's trash.
3. There are no designated pet walk areas. Residents will pick up defecation from **your pet immediately**. Be considerate of others.
4. Pets cannot be tied to common area trees or staked on common areas.

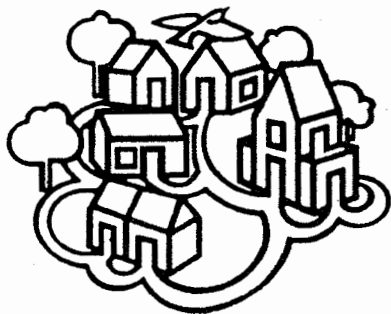
Audible Disturbances

It is unlawful and declared to be a public nuisance in the township of Northampton for any person to keep, maintain or allow to be kept or maintained upon premises any animal which creates or causes audible noise or sound, which is audible off the premises to such an extent that the sleep, rest, quiet and repose of the residents of the community are disturbed or interrupted during the day or night.

Any person who violates this ordinance shall upon conviction in a summary proceeding before a District Justice for the Township of Northampton be sentenced to pay a fine to the Township of Northampton and/or undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days.

If your neighbor's dog(s) are disturbing your quiet enjoyment, call the police.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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RE: NORTHAMPTON CODE ARTICLE I DOGS

DOGS AT LARGE; OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the duty of every citizen or inhabitant of the Township of Northampton who is the owner of any dog or at whose house or premises any dog is harbored or kept to confine and secure such dog. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or dogs or person at whose home or premises and dog is harbored or kept, licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large, unaccompanied by the owner or person keeping said dog in the Township of Northampton. The owner or person keeping such dog shall be considered as accompanying the dog or only if such dog is on a leash of six (6) feet or less.

AUDIBLE DISTURBANCES

It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance in the Township of Northampton for any person to keep, maintain or allow to be kept or maintained upon premises under control of such person any animal which creates or causes audible noise or sound, which is audible off the premises to such an extent that the sleep, rest, quiet and repose of the residents of the community are disturbed or interrupted during the day or night.

SANITARY MAINTENANCE

It shall be the responsibility of dog owners to keep their dogs from scratching, digging, defecating or urinating upon any lawns, shrubs, plants, buildings or any other public or private property, excluding the property of the dog owner. The owner of said dog, in the event that such dog defecates on any property other than that of the owner, shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces so deposited in a sanitary manner. Also, it is the responsibility of the owner of any animal to properly clean and otherwise maintain his pounds, kennels, yards and other areas in which such animal is kept to prevent the creation of any nuisance, health hazard or odor.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any owner, person, firm, association or corporation who shall violate or refuse to comply with any provision of this Article, shall upon conviction in a summary proceeding before any District Justice for the Township of Northampton, be sentenced to pay a fine to the Township of Northampton not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) and costs of prosecution and/or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

ORD. NO. 212

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS GENERALLY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHAMPTON, INCLUDING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS AND ANIMALS AT LARGE; SANITARY MAINTENANCE AND STANDARDS; LIMITATION ON THE NUMBERS OF DOGS ALLOWED; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SAID PROVISIONS

Section 1. In connection with the codification of the ordinances of the Township of Northampton, the following ordinance is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Northampton. Upon adoption of the proposed Code of the Township of Northampton this ordinance will be included therein as Chapter 58, entitled Dogs and Other Animals.

ARTICLE I
Dogs

§ 58-1. Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of every police officer of the Northampton Township Police Department and/or person who may be designated by said township as Animal Control Officer to enforce all Articles and sections of this chapter.

§ 58-2. Dogs at large; owner's responsibility.

It shall be the duty of every citizen or inhabitant of the Township of Northampton who is the owner of any dog or at whose house or premises any dog is harbored or kept to confine and secure such dog. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or dogs or person at whose home or premises any dog is harbored or kept, licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large, unaccompanied by the owner or person keeping said dog in the Township of Northampton. The owner or person keeping such dog shall be considered as accompanying the dog only if such dog is on a leash of six (6) feet or less.

§ 58-3. Seizure of dogs at large.

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer and/or police officer to seize and/or detain any such dog or dogs, whether they are licensed or unlicensed, which are found running at large either upon the public streets or highways of the Township of Northampton or upon property other than that of the owner of such dog or dogs. Before entering any private property to seize or detain any dog or dogs found running at large, the Animal Control Officer and/or police officer must first obtain permission of the owner of such property, and if the owner cannot be found, the property owner will be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of seizing the animal.

§ 58-4. Audible disturbances.

It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance in the Township of Northampton for any person to keep,

maintain or allow to be kept or maintained upon premises under the control of such person any animal which creates or causes audible noise or sound, which is audible off the premises to such an extent that the sleep, rest, quiet and repose of the residents of the community are disturbed or interrupted during the day or night.

✓ § 58-5. Sanitary maintenance.

It shall be the responsibility of dog owners to keep their dogs from scratching, digging, defecating or urinating upon any lawns, trees, shrubs, plants, buildings or any other public or private property, excluding the property of the dog owner. The owner of any dog, in the event that such dog defecates on any property other than that of the owner, shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces so deposited in a sanitary manner. Also, it is the responsibility of the owner of any animal to properly clean and otherwise maintain his pounds, kennels, yards and other areas in which such animal is kept to prevent the creation of any nuisance, health hazard or odor.

§ 58-6. Number of dogs limited.

It shall be unlawful to keep more than four (4) dogs six (6) months of age or older on any premises, regardless of the number of owners; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any premises for which a kennel license has been obtained pursuant to the Dog Law of 1965 (3 P.S. § 460-208 et seq.).¹

§ 58-7. Interference with enforcement officers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the Animal Control Officer and/or police officer while engaged in the proper performance of his duties.

¹ Editor's Note: The Dog Law of 1965 (3 P.S. § 460-208 et seq.) was repealed 12-7-82 by P.L. 784, No. 225, § 1205 (a), effective 1-1-83. See now 3 P.S. §§ 459-101 and 459-1205.

§ 58-8. Violations and penalties.

Any owner, person, firm, association or corporation who shall violate or refuse to comply with any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding before any District Justice for the Township of Northampton, be sentenced to pay a fine to the Township of Northampton not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.) and costs of prosecution and/or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

**ARTICLE II
Other Animals****§ 58-9. Animals at large.**

No cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep, swine or fowl shall be allowed to run at large within the limits of the Township of Northampton. The owner or person keeping any cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep, swine or fowl who shall suffer them to run at large, or any other person found responsible, shall be subject to the penalty provided by § 58-13 of this Article.

§ 58-10. Noisy animals declared public nuisances.

It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance in the Township of Northampton for any person to keep, maintain or allow to be kept or maintained upon premises under the control of such person any animal or fowl which makes an audible noise or sound, which is audible off the premises to such an extent that the sleep, rest, quiet and repose of the residents of the community are disturbed or interrupted.

§ 58-11. Sanitary maintenance.

It shall be the responsibility of owners of animals and/or fowl to keep their animals and/or fowl from scratching, digging,

Section 2. All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. In the event that any clause, sentence, section or other part of this ordinance is deemed to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 9th day of MAY 1984.

ATTEST

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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