

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST WYOMING, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF DOGS, THE LICENSING THEREOF, ESTABLISHING WARNINGS TO OWNERS FOR DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE BY BARKING DOGS, PROHIBITING INJURY TO HUMANS BY DOGS, PROVIDING FOR CLEAN UP AFTER DOGS, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of West Wyoming, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or keeps any dog to permit such dog to run at large in violation of the provisions of the Dog Law of 1965 (3 P.S. § 460-101 et seq.) Any dog running at large in violation of said law shall be subject to seizure, detention and disposal as provided therein.

SECTION 2: Disturbance of the peace. It shall be unlawful to 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 any person in the Borough of West Wyoming. Continuous barking, howling or the making of other loud noises by such dog for more than any one (1) hour or continuous barking for periods of less than one (1) hour but more than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour, which periods occur on two (2) or more consecutive days, shall be deemed to disturb the peace and to cause the annoyance and discomfort of persons in the Borough of West Wyoming.

SECTION 3: Warnings. A. Any person may request the Borough Police Department 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

B. A warning by the police shall consist of delivery of a copy of this ordinance at the residence in the Borough of West Wyoming of any such owner, keeper or custodian.

C. Any such request shall be in writing, shall identify and specify the residence of the owner, keeper or custodian of the dog or other animal and shall identify and specify the residence of the person making the request. Upon receipt of such request, the Borough Secretary shall mail a copy of this ordinance to the person identified as the owner, keeper or custodian of the dog or other animal.

D. A violation of this ordinance shall be deemed to have occurred upon a second or subsequent violation of SECTION 2 above after the date of delivery of the warning.

SECTION 4: Injury to humans. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit said dog to injure any human being by biting, jumping on, knocking down or attacking said human being.

SECTION 5: Nuisances. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk, or on any public property whatsoever, nor on any private property without the permission of the owner of said property. The restriction in this section shall not apply to that portion of street lying between the curblines which shall be used to curb such dog under the following conditions:

A. The person who so curbs such dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the Board of Health.

B. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog curbed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance in a sanitary manner approved by the Board of Health.

SECTION 6: Violations and penalties. Any persons who shall be convicted of violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance before any District Magistrate shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, together with costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, the violator shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed 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.

SECTION 7: Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or part thereof is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining sections, subsections, sentences clauses or part of this ordinance.

SECTION 8: When effective. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED, at a regular meeting of the Council of the  
Borough of West Wyoming, held this 10th day of July, 1978.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WEST WYOMING,  
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Leonard T. DeWitt  
President

ATTEST:

Michael Salvo  
Borough Secretary

Approved this 10th day of July, 1978.

John Mizzi  
Mayor