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§101. Definitions. As used in this Part, the following terms have the meaning indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

OWNER - any person having a right of property in any dog or having custody of any dog or any person who harbors or permits a dog to remain on or around his or her property.

RUNNING AT LARGE - being upon any public highway, street, alley, park, or any other public land, or upon property of another person other than the owner, and not being accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.

§102. Unlawful to Allow Dogs to Run at Large. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or dogs to allow or permit such dog or dogs to run at large in the Township of Bradford. (Ord. 1982-1, 4/26/1982; as revised by Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§103. Seizing of Dogs. Any police officer or dog warden may seize any dog in the nature of a pet found at large in the Township. Such dogs are to be impounded in a licensed kennel (Ord. 1982-1, 4/26/1982; as revised by Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§104. Licensed Dogs. Owners of licensed dogs are to be notified by registered or certified mail, with return receipt, that the dog is impounded and will be disposed of in five (5) days if not claimed. Five (5) days after the return receipt has been received, and the dog has not been claimed, the dog may be sold or destroyed in accordance with the 1982 Dog Law. (Ord. 1982-1, 4/26/1982; as revised by Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§105. Unlicensed Dogs. Unlicensed dogs that are seized are to be held in such kennel for 48 hours and if not claimed may be destroyed in accordance with the 1982 Dog Law. (Ord. 1982-1, 4/26/1982; as revised by Ord. 1-89, 3/13 /1989)

§106. Threatening Dogs. Dogs that, in the opinion of any police officer or dog warden, constitutes a threat to public health and welfare may be killed by the police or dog warden. (Ord. 1982-1, 4/26/1982; as revised by Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§107. Penalty. Please see Chapter 1, Part 6, "Ordinance Enforcement Procedure." (Ord. 1982-1, 4/26/1982; as revised by Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989; as amended by Ord. 6-96-1, 6/17/1996, §1; and by Ord. 4/15/1997, §1)

Part 2
Animal Noise Control

§201. Intent and Purpose. The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Bradford, finding that excessive levels of sound are detrimental to the physical, mental and social well-being of the people as well as to their comfort, living conditions, general welfare and safety and being therefor a public health and welfare hazard, hereby declares it to be necessary to provide for the greater control and more effective regulation of excessive sound and the sources of excessive sound within the Township. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§202. Noise Disturbance. It shall be illegal within the Township of Bradford for any person or persons to own, possess, harbor, or control any animal or bird which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or makes such noise intermittently for one-half hour or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night regardless of whether the animal or bird is physically situated in or upon private property, said noise being a nuisance; provided, that at the time the animal or bird is making such noise no person is trespassing 'or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or bird is situated nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the animal or bird. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§203. Exceptions. This Part shall not be deemed to prohibit or otherwise declare unlawful any agricultural operations protected from the nuisance suits by Act No. '1982-133. (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989)

§204. Penalties. Please see Chapter 1, Part 6, "Ordinance Enforcement Procedure." (Ord. 1-89, 3/13/1989; as amended by Ord. 6-96-1, 6/17/1996, \$1; and by Ord. 4/15/1997, \$1)

Part 3
Animal Defecation

§301. Disposal of Feces.

1. Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal which commits a nuisance, i.e., defecation or urination, in any area other than the private property of the owner of such dog or animal shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either:

A. Carry the same away for disposal in a toilet; or

B. Bury the same on the pet owner's private property or property of the person having possession, custody or control of the animal.

2. Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or animal which commits a nuisance, i. e., defecation or urination, on the private property of the owner or of the person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal shall be required to remove any feces from such property within twenty-four (24) hours after the nuisance is committed and either:

A. Carry the same away for disposal in a toilet; or

B. Bury the same on the pet owner's private property or property of the person having possession, custody or control of the animal.

3. Cleanup shall not be required during those periods when the feces are covered over with snow and/or ice.

(Ord. 7/30/1998D, §1)

§302. Guide Dogs for Blind or Handicapped Persons. The provisions of §301 hereof shall not apply to a guide .dog accompanying blind persons or to a dog used to assist any other physically handicapped person. (Ord. 7/30/1998D, §1)

1. Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon his or its first conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days.

2. Upon a conviction for the second time, the person, firm or corporation shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) no more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days.

3. Upon a conviction for the third or greater time, the person, firm or corporation shall be sentenced to pay a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days.

(Ord. 7/30/1998D, §1)