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§101. Restrictions on Allowing Dogs and Cats at Large. It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog or cat or any person in control of a dog or cat, to permit a dog or cat to run at large within the Borough to the annoyance and inconvenience of the residents of the Borough, or of any pedestrian, or any operator of a motor vehicle using any street in the Borough. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §1)

§102. Seizure of Dogs and Cats Found at Large. The Borough police, any officer or agent of the Humane Society, or any other person authorized by the Borough are hereby empowered to take possession of or to seize, on public or private property, any such dogs or cats permitted to run at large to the annoyance of the residents of the Borough, or to pedestrians, or operators of motor vehicles using the streets in the Borough. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §2; as amended by Ordinance 621, December 14, 1983)

§103. Impounding of Dogs and Cats Found at Large; Redemption or Other Disposition. Any dog or cat found running at large upon public or private property, or upon any street in the Borough may be seized or taken by any Borough policeman, by any Humane Society officer, or by any other person authorized by the Borough, and impounded in the Beaver County Humane Society Animal Shelter. If the owner of the animal is known or may be identified, that owner shall be given notice to reclaim the animal within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of the notice, and he shall be allowed to reclaim the animal after paying a penalty to the Beaver County Humane Society in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00). If the dog or cat is not reclaimed or if the penalty is not paid, both within the twenty-four (24) hour period after receipt of notice as provided above, the dog or cat may be killed in a humane manner or sold to a person or persons who may desire to purchase the animal, the purchaser price to be to and for the benefit of the Borough. (Ordinance 579, July 12, 1976, §3)

§104. Applicable to Licensed or Unlicensed Dog. Sections 101 through 108 shall apply to all dogs found running at large on the streets of the Borough irrespective of whether currently licensed. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §4)

§105. Disposal of Animal Waste and Feces. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any dog or cat within his control to deposit on any public property or upon any private property, without the consent of the owner of the property, any animal waste or feces. Permitting the deposit of waste or feces by any animal shall constitute a public nuisance. Where the owner or other person in control of the animal immediately removes all feces deposited by the animal upon private property and in a sanitary manner disposes of the feces that nuisance as to that owner shall be considered abated. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §5)

§106. Restrictions on Keeping Barking Dogs. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep, own, harbor, maintain or possess any dog which barks repeatedly in an area where its barking disturbs the quiet of the neighborhood and is a continuous annoyance to the residents of that neighborhood. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §6; as added by Ordinance 593, September 12, 1978, §1)

§107. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part 1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00); and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days. Every day that a violation of this Part 1 continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §7; as added by Ordinance 593, September 12, 1978, §1; and by Ordinance 621, December 14, 1983)

§108. Exemption of "Seeing Eye" Dogs. Sections 101 through 107 shall not apply to "seeing eye" dogs engaged in guiding persons with defects of eyesight or hearing. (Ordinance 579, October 12, 1976, §8; as added by Ordinance 593, September 12, 1978, §1)