Chapter 2: ANIMALS

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Article I - Cats

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§ 1-1 Purpose; intent.

- A. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of protecting the health, safety, welfare and property of others from annoyance and damage caused by cats and to establish the responsibility and liability of cat owners arising out of the conduct of their pets.
- B. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of providing reasonable regulations for the control, care and maintenance of cats in the Borough of Beaver.
- C. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of promoting a pet friendly town. This legislation ensures proper care and protection for pets.

§ 1-2 Restricted acts.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person having custody of any cat(s) to have any cat that becomes a nuisance. Acts of nuisance shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Noise disturbance.
- B. Viciousness.
- C. Digging into flower beds, lawns, sandboxes or gardens or the damaging of shrubbery, trees, lawns or personal property not belonging to the owner or the depositing of feces.
- D. Entering and running at large upon public property or upon the property of any other than the owner of said animal.
- E. Not having current rabies vaccinations.

§ 1-3 Limit on number of cats.

No more than four cats shall be kept or maintained or be in custody for more than 90 days in any residential housing unit or its grounds. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be applicable to those persons who have kept or maintained in custody in any residential housing unit or its grounds more than four cats prior to the adoption of this article.

§ 1-4 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ABANDONED CAT

A cat of any age which shall be left unattended, unclaimed or at large for a period of 72 hours or more.

CAT

Any animal of a feline species.

CONTROL OFFICER

The person authorized by the Borough of Beaver from time to time, by resolution, to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The Control Officer shall have all the powers of a Constable or other peace officer in the execution of the provisions of this chapter, including the service of a summons, the service and execution of any other order of process, notwithstanding any provision of the Uniform Justice Court Act.

FERAL CAT

A cat born in the wild having little contact with humans. A cat that is fearful of people and usually lives on its own outdoors.

OWNER

Every person having a property right in a cat and every person keeping, having custody or feeding a cat for more than 48 hours, or who allows a cat to reside or remain about his premises, shall be considered a "cat owner." This provision shall not include a person who keeps or feeds a cat on behalf of an owner at the owner's request to accommodate the owner's temporary needs.

PERSON

An individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association of persons.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

A cat that causes damage to public or private property or causes harm to any person or other domestic animal.

STRAY CAT

A cat having no known owner or custodian. A tame cat that has become lost or has been abandoned. A cat that has been socialized to people at some point in its life.

§ 1-5 Vaccination requirements; exemptions.

A. Vaccination. All cats shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the recommendations for immunization published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, except as provided in Subsection C.

B. Exemptions. Any cat may be exempted from vaccination requirements for a specified period by the Control Officer upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity or other physical condition, the inoculation of such cat is not medically appropriate.

§ 1-6 Prohibited acts.

- A. No cat shall be sheltered, maintained or harbored that is not domesticated. The area where cats are kept shall be clean and sanitary and shall not create a disturbance by reason of noise, odor or other causes. No person shall abandon any cat or permit a cat in his custody to become a stray. No person within the Borough shall abuse, intentionally injure, euthanize or kill any cat.
- B. No cat shall cause damage to any person or property. Any person who owns, maintains or harbors any cat that causes such damage shall be strictly liable for the damage and may be prosecuted for a violation of this article.
- C. No person shall harbor, maintain or feed any feral or stray cat. Any person who shall do so following receipt of a notice from the Control Officer advising said person that a violation of this chapter is occurring may be prosecuted if he or she continues such activity.
- D. No person being the owner or in charge of or in control of any cat shall permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, Borough park or other public property, or upon private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or in control of such cat without permission of the owner of such property. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner, such type of nuisance shall be considered abated.
- E. No person shall expose an animal to extreme weather conditions. An animal shall not be exposed to weather conditions for more than thirty (30) minutes when temperatures exceed ninety (90) degrees or when temperatures fall below thirty-two (32) degrees, without providing adequate shelter, food and water.
- F. Pet owners are responsible to provide proper food, water, shelter and veterinary care for all pets under their control.

§ 1-7 Enforcement.

- 1. No person, whether as owner or keeper, shall permit their cat to run at large upon the public streets, sidewalks or other public places or upon the property of another. A cat shall be restrained by the use of a leash held by the owner or other person designated by the owner who shall be capable of properly restraining the movements of said animal at all times when upon public places, streets and parks.
- 2. Any cat found running at large within the Borough of Beaver shall be taken and impounded in a place provided for that purpose. If the owner is known or the marks or identification can be

found on the animal so that the owner can be ascertained, said owner shall be given notice to claim the cat within the time frame specified by the laws of the commonwealth.

- 3. All animals so taken and seized shall be detained and properly kept and fed, and if claimed by the owner, shall be removed immediately by said person.
- 4. The owner of a cat so detained and subsequently claimed shall pay all fees and charges as established by the facility contracted by the Borough.
- 5. If the animal is not claimed within the time frame established by the commonwealth, said animal shall be disposed of in a humane manner as specified by the commonwealth or given to such person or persons who desire to care for the same. Such animal may also be sold for expenses.

§ 1-8 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates a provision of this chapter shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$500 for each offense and up to 90 days in jail, or both.

§ 1-9 Interference prohibited.

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the Control Officer or any police officer of the Borough of Beaver in the performance of any duty as herein provided.

§ 1-10 Repealer; severability.

- A. All other ordinances of the Borough of Beaver which are in conflict with this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- B. If any part of this article shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this chapter.

§ 1-11 Safety clause.

The Borough of Beaver hereby finds, determines and declares that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough of Beaver and the inhabitants thereof.

§ 1-12 Effective date.

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Article II - Dogs

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- § 1-10 Interference prohibited.
- § 1-11 Repealer; severability.
- § 1-12 Safety clause.
- § 1-13 Effective date.

§ 1-1 Purpose; intent.

- A. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of protecting the health, safety, welfare and property of others from annoyance and damage caused by dogs and to establish the responsibility and liability of dog owners arising out of the conduct of their pets.
- B. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of providing reasonable regulations for the control, care and maintenance of dogs in the Borough of Beaver.
- C. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of promoting a pet friendly town. This legislation ensures proper care and protection for pets.

§ 1-2 Restricted acts.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person having custody of any dog(s) to have any dog that becomes a nuisance. Acts of nuisance shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Noise disturbance.
- B. Viciousness.
- C. Digging into flower beds, lawns, sandboxes or gardens or the damaging of shrubbery, trees, lawns or personal property not belonging to the owner or the depositing of feces.
- D. Entering and running at large upon public property or upon the property of any other than the owner of said animal.
- E. Not having current rabies vaccinations and a current County license.

§ 1-3 Limit on number of dogs.

No more than three (3) dogs shall be kept or maintained or be in custody for more than 90 days in any residential housing unit or its grounds. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be applicable to those persons who have kept or maintained in custody in any residential housing unit or its grounds more than three dogs prior to the adoption of this article. Any person who customarily has in custody four or more dogs over the age of six (6) months is hereby declared to be engaged in the business or occupation of running a kennel. All such persons so engaged shall be required to be licensed as a kennel per the specifications of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

§ 1-4 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ABANDONED DOG

A dog of any age which shall be left unattended, unclaimed, unlicensed or at large for a period of 72 hours or more. State Law states that to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog shall result in fines ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 plus court costs.

AT LARGE

Any dog when off the property of its owner and not restrained by the owner, keeper or another competent person.

CONTROL OFFICER

The person or local agency authorized by the Borough of Beaver from time to time, by resolution, to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The Control Officer shall have all the powers of a Constable or other peace officer in the execution of the provisions of this chapter, including the service of a summons, the service and execution of any other order of process, notwithstanding any provision of the Uniform Justice Court Act.

IMPOUND

To apprehend, catch, trap, net or, if necessary, to kill any animal by the local Police Department or authorized local agency.

OWNER

Every person having a property right in a dog and every person keeping, having custody or feeding a dog, or who allows a dog to reside or remain about his premises, shall be considered a "dog owner." This provision shall not include a person who keeps or feeds a dog on behalf of an owner at the owner's request to accommodate the owner's temporary needs.

PERSON

An individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association of persons.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

A dog that causes damage to public or private property or causes harm to any person or other domestic animal.

RESTRAINT or RESTRICTED

When a dog is controlled by leash or chain.

§ 1-5 Licensing and vaccination requirements; exemptions.

- A. License requirements. No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog over three months of age within the Borough of Beaver unless such dog is licensed. The provisions of this section do not apply to dogs held by any government facility, a veterinary establishment or a licensed animal shelter, pound, kennel or pet shop. No dog may be licensed without proof of vaccination as detailed below.
- B. Vaccination. All dogs shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the recommendations for immunization published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, except as provided in Subsection C.
- C. Exemptions. Any dog may be exempted from vaccination requirements for a specified period by the Control Officer upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity or other physical condition, the inoculation of such dog is not medically appropriate.

§ 1-6 Issuance of license; fees; registration tag.

All dog licenses shall be issued by the office of the County Treasurer. All licenses shall be issued with a registration number, and a record of such issuance shall be maintained. A license may only be issued after a completed application is received along with all required fees. The registration tag shall be attached to a collar to be worn and maintained by the individual dog for whom the license was issued whenever such dog shall be outdoors. Under State Law, all dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each year. No license shall be granted for a period exceeding one year, and no license shall be transferable.

§ 1-7 Prohibited Acts.

- A. No dog shall be sheltered, maintained or harbored that is not domesticated. The area where dogs are kept shall be clean and sanitary and shall not create a disturbance by reason of noise, odor or other causes. No person shall abandon any dog or permit a dog in his custody to become a stray. No person within the Borough shall abuse, intentionally injure, euthanize or kill any dog.
- B. Any dog which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping or baying or in any way or manner disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose or health of persons, is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance. No person having custody of such animal shall harbor or permit it to commit such a nuisance.
- C. No dog shall cause damage to any person or property. Any dog which scratches, digs or defecates upon the lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. Any person who owns, maintains or harbors any dog that causes such damage shall be strictly liable for the damage and may be prosecuted for a violation of this chapter.
- D. No person being the owner or in charge of or in control of any dog shall permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, Borough park or other public property, or upon

private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or in control of such dog without permission of the owner of such property. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner, such type of nuisance shall be considered abated.

- E. Persons with defective eyesight or hearing while relying upon a dog specifically trained for these purposes shall be exempt from compliance with items A-D of this section.
- F. No person shall expose an animal to extreme weather conditions. An animal shall not be exposed to weather conditions for more than thirty (30) minutes when temperatures exceed ninety (90) degrees or when temperatures fall below thirty-two (32) degrees, without providing adequate shelter, food and water.
- G. No person shall harbor, maintain or feed any unlicensed or stray dog. Any person who shall do so following receipt of a notice from the Control Officer advising said person that a violation of this chapter is occurring may be prosecuted if he or she continues such activity.
- H. Pet owners are responsible to provide proper food, water, shelter and veterinary care for all pets under their control.

§ 1-8 Enforcement.

- 1. No person, whether as owner or keeper, shall permit their dog to run at large upon the public streets, sidewalks or other public places or upon the property of another. A dog shall be restrained by the use of a leash, or a chain held by the owner or other person designated by the owner who shall be capable of properly restraining the movements of said animal at all times when upon public places, streets and parks.
- 2. Any dog found running at large within the Borough of Beaver shall be taken and impounded in a place provided for that purpose. If the owner is known or the marks or identification can be found on the animal so that the owner can be ascertained, said owner shall be given notice to claim the dog within the time frame specified by the laws of the commonwealth.
- 3. All animals so taken and seized shall be detained and properly kept and fed, and if claimed by the owner, shall be removed immediately by said person.
- 4. The owner of a dog so detained and subsequently claimed shall pay all fees and charges as established by the facility contracted by the Borough.
- 5. If the animal is not claimed within the time frame established by the commonwealth, said animal shall be disposed of in a humane manner as specified by the commonwealth or given to such person or persons who desire to care for the same. Such animal may also be sold for expenses.
- 6. "Any owner or keeper of any dog who has been charged with harboring a dangerous dog shall keep the dog or dogs confined in a proper enclosure or, when off the property of the owner or keeper for purposes of veterinary care, muzzled and on a leash until the time a report is made

under the State Dog Law 459-502-A(d) subsection (b). If an appeal of a decision under subsection (b) is filed, the dog or dogs shall remain so confined until the proceedings are completed. It shall be unlawful for an owner or keeper of a dog who has been charged with harboring a dangerous dog to dispense, move, sell, or offer to sell, give away or transfer the dog in any manner except to have it humanely killed or move the dog to a licensed kennel if approved by the investigating officer. A violation of this subsection shall constitute a summary offense accompanied by a fine of not less than \$500." A person charged with harboring a dangerous dog; therefore, has significant requirements placed upon him/her. Consequently, failure to adhere to those requirements will result in further criminal charges to the person charged. The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement informs those charged with harboring a dangerous dog of the requirements that must be met. The Borough therefore must notify the bureau when the Police Department charges a person with harboring a dangerous dog, i.e. 3 P.S. 459-502-A(a).

§ 1-9 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates a provision of this chapter shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$500 for each offense and up to 90 days in jail, or both.

§ 1-10 Interference prohibited.

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the Control Officer or any police officer of the Borough of Beaver in the performance of any duty as herein provided.

§ 1-11 Repealer; severability.

A. All other ordinances of the Borough of Beaver which are in conflict with this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

B. If any part of this article shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this chapter.

§ 1-12 Safety clause.

The Borough of Beaver hereby finds, determines and declares that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough of Beaver and the inhabitants thereof.

§ 1-13 Effective date.

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Article III - Farm Animals

- § 3-1 Purpose; intent.
- § 3-2 Restricted acts.
- § 3-3 Definitions.
- § 3-4 Violations and penalties.
- § 3-5 Interference prohibited.
- § 3-6 Repealer; severability.
- § 3-7 Safety clause.
- § 3-8 Effective date.

§ 3-1 Purpose; intent.

A. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of protecting the health, safety, welfare and property of others.

§ 3-2 Restricted acts.

Possession of farm animals and any other animals not ordinarily considered as house pets are prohibited within the Borough of Beaver. No persons shall knowingly keep, maintain or have in their possession or under their control within the Borough of Beaver any farm animals or any other animals not ordinarily considered as house pets including, but not limited to, those set forth hereinafter.

§ 3-3 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FARM ANIMALS

All individual species of the bovine, equine, swine, sheep, goat and fowl families.

§ 3-4 Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates this article is guilty of summary offenses punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this part continues or each section of this part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 3-5 Interference prohibited.

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the Control Officer or any police officer of the Borough of Beaver in the performance of any duty as herein provided.

§ 3-6 Repealer; severability.

A. All other ordinances of the Borough of Beaver which are in conflict with this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

B. If any part of this article shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this chapter.

§ 3-7 Safety clause.

The Borough of Beaver hereby finds, determines and declares that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough of Beaver and the inhabitants thereof.

§ 3-8 Effective date.

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Article IV - Wild, Dangerous or Exotic Animals

§ 4-1 Purpose; intent.

§ 4-2 Restricted acts.

§ 4-3 Definitions.

§ 4-4 Applicability.

§ 4-5 Exemptions.

§ 4-6 Euthanasia in emergency circumstances or urgent situations.

§ 4-7 Violations and penalties.

§ 4-8 Interference prohibited.

§ 4-9 Repealer; severability.

§ 4-10 Safety clause.

§ 4-11 Effective date.

§ 4-1 Purpose; intent.

A. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of protecting the health, safety, welfare and property of others from any non-naturally occurring or nonindigenous species of animal or any untamed animal that is typically found in the wild and that poses a serious threat to the safety and well-being of the community and citizens if left unattended or escapes from its captive environment.

B. The Council of the Borough of Beaver is desirous of providing reasonable regulations for the control of wild, dangerous or exotic animals in the Borough of Beaver.

§ 4-2 Restricted acts.

Possession of wild, dangerous or exotic animals is prohibited. No persons shall knowingly keep, maintain or have in their possession or under their control within the Borough of Beaver any dangerous or carnivorous wild animal or reptile, or exotic animal, including, but not limited to, those set forth hereinafter, except as provided in § 4-5 hereof.

§ 4-3 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

WILD, DANGEROUS or EXOTIC ANIMALS

Any non-naturally occurring or nonindigenous species of animal or any untamed animal that is typically found in the wild and that poses a serious threat to the safety and well-being of the community and citizens if left unattended or escapes from its captive environment.

§ 4-4 Applicability.

For the purpose of this article the animals listed below are considered wild, dangerous or exotic animals to which the prohibition of $\S 4-2$ hereof applies.

- A. All venomous snakes and reptiles.
- B. All simians, including but not limited to apes, chimpanzees, gibbons, gorillas, orangutans, baboons and monkeys.
- C. Piranha fish or venomous fish.
- D. Bears.
- E. Bison.
- F. Sharks.
- G. Deer (includes all members of the deer family).

- H. Pachyderm (any large mammal with thick skin, especially an elephant, rhinoceros, or hippopotamus).
- I. Constrictor snakes over four feet in length.
- J. Crocodilians.
- K. Cheetahs, lions, tigers, lynxes, leopards, puma, bobcat, jaguars or panthers.
- L. Foxes, coyotes, hyenas or dingos.
- M. Wolves whether pure or cross breed.
- N. Kangaroos or wallabies.
- O. Raccoons, porcupine, skunks, weasels, badgers, mink or mongoose.
- P. Game cocks; i.e., fighting birds.

§ 4-5 Exemptions.

Licensed pet shops, menageries, schools and educational facilities, zoological gardens and circuses shall be exempt from the provisions of §§ 4-2 hereof if all of the following conditions are met:

- A. The location conforms to the provisions of the Borough of Beaver Zoning Codes.
- B. No person resides within one-hundred fifty feet (150') of the quarters in which the animals are kept.
- C. Animals are maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape;
- D. All animals and animal quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition; and
- E. All animals received humane treatment.

§ 4-6 Euthanasia in emergency circumstances or urgent situations.

- A. For purposes of this article, "euthanasia" means the humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that involves instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death, or by a method that causes painless loss of consciousness and death during such loss of consciousness.
- B. Any wild, dangerous or exotic animal possessed or maintained in violation of this article may be subject to impoundment and euthanasia by the Chief of Police if any one of the following emergency circumstances or urgent situations is deemed to exist by the Chief of Police or his/her designee:
- (1) The wild, dangerous or exotic animal presents an imminent likelihood of serious physical harm to the public, and there are no other reasonably available means of abatement. For the purposes hereof, if any wild, dangerous or exotic animal wanders or runs loose in Brighton Township, it shall be presumed that the animal presents an imminent likelihood of serious physical harm to the public and there is no other reasonably available means of abatement;
- (2) There is no reasonable basis to believe that the violation can be or in good faith will be corrected, and after reasonable search or inquiry by the Chief of Police no facility as authorized by local, state or federal law is available to house the wild, dangerous or exotic animal; or

(3) The wild, dangerous or exotic animal suffers from a communicable disease injurious to other animals or human beings; provided that this subsection shall not apply if the animal is under treatment by a licensed veterinarian and may reasonably be expected to recover without infecting other animals or human beings.

§ 4-7 Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates this article is guilty of summary offenses punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this part continues or each section of this part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 4-8 Interference prohibited.

No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the Control Officer or any police officer of the Borough of Beaver in the performance of any duty as herein provided.

§ 4-9 Repealer; severability.

- A. All other ordinances of the Borough of Beaver which are in conflict with this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- B. If any part of this article shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this chapter.

§ 4-10 Safety clause.

The Borough of Beaver hereby finds, determines and declares that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough of Beaver and the inhabitants thereof.

§ 4-11 Effective date.