

TOWNSHIP OF BURRELL
INDIANA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BURRELL, INDIANA COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA REGULATING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, it has been shown that, when regulated, the keeping of animals does not pose a major health hazard and under certain conditions can be permitted without causing a nuisance to surrounding properties.

WHEREAS, the intent of this Ordinance is to regulate the keeping of animals within the Township of Burrell.

NOW THEREFORE, the Township of Burrell does hereby enact and ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Burrell Township Animal Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specifically defined below, words or phrases used herein shall be interpreted so as to give them the same meaning as they have in common usage and so as to give the Ordinance its most reasonable application consistent with its intent.

The word “Animal” shall mean any domestic animal or fowl, any wild animal or any household pet.

The word “Board” shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Burrell.

The words “Code Enforcement Officer” shall mean the Ordinance Officer of the Township of Burrell.

The words “Domestic Animal” shall mean any animal normally or ordinarily domesticated or raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes, or normally or ordinarily kept as a household pet.

The words “Household Pet” shall mean any dog, cat, or other domestic animal normally and ordinarily kept in or permitted to be at large in the dwelling of its owner.

The word “Person” shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation.

The word “Shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

The word “Township” shall mean the Township of Burrell.

The words "Wild Animal" shall mean any animal, including bird, fowl, or reptile not normally or ordinarily domesticated; not normally or ordinarily raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes; or not capable of being kept as a household pet.

SECTION 3. REGULATIONS

- A. Wild Animals. It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to keep wild animals in the Township.
- B. Domestic Animals and Household Pets. It shall be lawful for any person(s) to keep domestic animals and household pets in the Township so long as such person(s) comply with Section 3, Subsection C of this Ordinance.
- C. Unlawful to Allow Animals to Run at Large. It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to allow animals to run at large upon adjoining properties, any of the common thoroughfares, sidewalks, passageways, play areas, parks, streets, alleys, or public or private highways or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon public or private property in the Township.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for enforcing all provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person(s) violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before the District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$600.00 and costs of prosecution at the discretion of said Magistrate and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, shall be committed to the County Jail for not more than five (5) days.

The District Magistrate shall be permitted to utilize their equitable powers to ensure compliance with the terms of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

In the event of any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance being held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not effect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance, it being the intent of the Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect and for this purpose, these provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. REPEALER

The terms of this Ordinance shall supersede and repeal any inconsistent provisions of any previously adopted Ordinances.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED the __ day of _____, 2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Burrell, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST

SUPERVISORS OF BURRELL TOWNSHIP

Secretary

, Chairman

, Vice-Chairman

, Supervisor