

ORDINANCE NO. 16

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR SEIZURE, DETENTION, AND DESTRUCTION; TO REGULATE THE PRESENCE OF DOGS ON THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ON PUBLIC PLACES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BUFFALO, AND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OTHER THAN THAT OF THE OWNER OR KEEPER AND TO IMPOSE PENALTIES.

The Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Buffalo, Butler County, Pennsylvania, does hereby enact and ordain:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping a dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to allow such dog at any time to run at large on any of the highways, streets, sidewalks or public places in the Township of Buffalo, or upon private property other than that of the owner or keeper of such dog, without the consent of the owner of such private property.

Any person who desires to take a dog on, over, or through the highways, streets, sidewalks or public places of the Township of Buffalo, shall take such dog only on a leash or under other restraint proper and adequate to keep such dog from running at large.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping a dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, whether accompanied or unaccompanied, and whether on leash or other restraint or not, to allow such dog to annoy, or interfere with, the comfort or convenience of persons using any of the highways, streets, sidewalks, or public places of this Township, including the sidewalk of the person owning or keeping such dog; or to

allow such dog to trespass upon, soil, damage, or destroy property of any person or persons other than the owner or keeper of such dog.

SECTION 3. Any police officer or constable, or their subordinate, or anyone appointed by the Supervisors, may seize any dog found running at large on any highway, street, sidewalk, or other public place in the Township of Buffalo, or on private property other than that of the owner or keeper of such dog, without the consent of the owner of such private property and unaccompanied by such owner or keeper.

Every police officer or constable, or their subordinate, or anyone appointed by the Supervisors, is hereby authorized and empowered to go upon any premises and enter any building to seize and detain any dog or dogs found running at large, unaccompanied by the owner or keeper, when such officer is in immediate pursuit of such dog or dogs.

It shall be the duty of every police officer or constable, or their subordinate, or anyone appointed by the Supervisors, to destroy in a humane manner any dog seized while running at large as aforesaid and which does not bear a proper license tag. If a dog so seized bears a proper license tag, then the Chief of Police or constable or his subordinates, or anyone appointed by the Supervisors, shall cause immediate notice, either personal or by registered mail, to be given to the person in whose name the license was procured, or his agent, to claim such dog within five (5) days, and pending claim, to cause such dog to be properly kept and fed at the expense of the owner or keeper. If such dog had not been claimed within five (5) days, after giving of such notice, and the pounding charge of \$4.00

plus the maintenance of the dog at the rate of \$1.00 per day has not been paid, then the police officer or constable, or their subordinate, or anyone appointed by the Supervisors, shall dispose of such dog by sale for the benefit of the Township or by destruction in some humane manner.

SECTION 4. It is the intent that this ordinance shall be supplemental to any laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereinbefore or hereinafter adopted covering dogs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and specifically in the Township of Buffalo. Should any of the provisions of this ordinance be contrary to the provisions of any Act of Assembly, it is the intent that the Act of Assembly shall supercede this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Any owner, person, firm, association, or who corporation/shall violate or who aids in the violation or fails or refuses to comply with any provision of the ordinance shall, upon a conviction in a summary proceedings before a Justice of the Peace of Butler County, be subject to a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars for the first offense and not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for the second offense and not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for either offense. Any person whose dog has been seized, detained, or destroyed as provided herein shall be subject to an additional fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars for the first offense and not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for the second offense or more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for either offense, and costs of prosecution; all such fines to be collected as fines and penalties are now collected by law, for the benefit of said Township.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW by the Supervisors of
Buffalo Township, this 9th day of June, 1969, to
be effective in ten days from the date hereof.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

By Alfred D. Smith

Ralph A. Gardner
Secretary

Charles W. Mason

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BUFFALO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 16.

Carolee Kerner Zebren