

## **AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE HARBORING OF AN ANIMAL NUISANCE; EXCEPTIONS; PENALTIES**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the borough Council and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

**Section 1.** No person shall keep or harbor any dog, cat, or other animal in the Borough so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public, or otherwise permit the commission or existence of a nuisance as defined herein.

**Section 2.** Any dog, cat or other animal, which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping or baying, or in any way or manner disturbs the quiet of any person of the community, or which disturbs or endangers the comfort, repose or health of persons, is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance. No owner or person having custody of such animal shall harbor or permit it to commit such a nuisance.

**Section 3.** Any dog, cat or other animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrubs, 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.

**Section 4.** No person being the owner or in charge or control of any dog, cat or other animal shall permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, city park or other public property, or upon any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such dog, cat or other animal without the 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 dispose of the same in a sanitary manner, such type of nuisance shall be considered abated.

**Section 5.** Persons with defective eyesight or hearing while relying upon a dog specifically trained for these purposes shall be exempt from compliance with this Section.

**Section 6.** Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution, for each offense thereof.

This is a sample ordinance. We suggest that it be modified, as appropriate, to fit the needs of your borough. We also suggest that all proposed ordinances be reviewed by your solicitor. Although these are samples of ordinances which have been adopted by other municipalities, the Association cannot assume responsibility for ensuring their legality. We are pleased to provide this service free of charge to our members. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us: **PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES**, 2941 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. 717-236-9526.