

**TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 372**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND/OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS; ALSO INCLUDING NOISE CONTROL AND DEFECATION ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND LIMITING TO THREE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS IN ANY ONE HOUSEHOLD INCLUDING FISH, HAMSTERS AND GERBILS BUT LIMITING HAMSTERS AND GERMILS TO TWO OF EITHER/OR PER HOUSEHOLD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF:

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KENNEDY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA THAT:

**SECTION I:** The running at large of dogs within the TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY shall be and is hereby prohibited.

**SECTION II:** Any dog shall be deemed to be running at large when said animal is one foot off the premises of the person, firm or corporation, owning, keeping, or harboring such animal without being restrained by a firmly attached leash or chain, not to exceed six (6) feet in length, or in a cage or enclosure, by the owner, keeper or handler of such animal.

**SECTION III:** The Police or other authorized animal control representatives of the TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY are hereby authorized and empowered to seize and take possession of, on public or private property, any such dog or animal permitted to run at large within the TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY.

**SECTION IV:** Dogs or other animals seized under this Ordinance may be disposed of as authorized by the Dog Law, P.S. Section 459-101, et. Seq.

**SECTION V:** No person shall keep or allow to remain within the TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY any dog or other animal which by frequent and continued howling, barking, crying, baying, yelping or other naturally produced sound that shall disturb the peace, quite and enjoyment of the neighborhood residents. The keeping of any such animal shall be and is hereby declared to be a nuisance, as well as a violation of the provisions herein:

- A. Any dog or other animal which digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private probate, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of the animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. The keeping of any such animal shall be, and is hereby declared to be a nuisance, as well as in violation of the provisions herein.
- B. 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.

**SECTION VI:** No person shall keep or allow to remain on any premises within the TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY, owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled by him/her or it, a total of more than three (3) animals, excluding fish (amount limited to size of tank), and hamsters or gerbils of which will be limited to two (2) of either/or.

**SECTION VII:** Veterinarian Clinics, Animal Hospitals and Licensed Kennels shall be excluded from Section VI. These establishments are expected to exercise noise control and running at large.

**SECTION VIII:** Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions herein shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), together with costs for each offense.

**SECTION IX:** The provisions of the Ordinance shall be construed to be severable. If any sentence, clause, or section of the Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, or sections to this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent to the Board of Commissioners that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.

**SECTION X:** That any Ordinance, or part thereof, that may conflict herewith, or be repealed hereby, be and is hereby repealed.


**ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW** this thirteenth day of January 1999.

**AMENDED** this thirteenth day of April 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF KENNEDY**

  
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Greg Clarke  
Township Manager

  
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Chris Dinardo, President  
Board of Commissioners