

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2000  
OF  
SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH FRANKLIN  
TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING CHAPTER 176 TO  
THE SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CODE OF  
ORDINANCES BEING AN ORDINANCE  
REGULATING DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE AND  
BARKING DOGS WITH PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION.

ARTICLE I. Title; purpose; objectives

Section 186-1: Short Title:

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Dog Ordinance of the Township of South Franklin".

Section 186-2: Purpose:

The purposes of this Chapter is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Township as pertains to nuisances and/or problems from dogs running at large, excessive barking of dogs and the accumulation of animal excreta.

Section 186-3: Word Usage:

For the purpose of this Chapter, certain terms and words shall be interpreted or defined as follows:

- A. Words used in the present tense shall include the future.
- B Words used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular.
- C. The word "person" includes a corporation, as well as an individual or any other legal entity.
- D. The word "shall" is always mandatory.

E. The word "owner" includes but is not limited to the present possessor of the subject animal, as well as and/or in conjunction with the registered or titled owner of the animal.

Section 186-4: Dogs Running at Large

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or any other person responsible to said owner, whether the dog bears a proper license tag or not, to permits such dog to run at large upon the outdoor area of any public or private property in South Franklin Township.

Section 186-5: Barking Dogs

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to confine a dog in an open air enclosure, including a fenced yard or on a tether or related fixture or otherwise keep a dog where the dog's barking may disturb the quiet of the neighborhood. Said or any dog that otherwise engages in barking to the extent that the same may disturb the quiet of the neighborhood, shall be confined within a relatively soundproof building with closed doors and windows so that any barking will not annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, peace or safety of any individual in the township.

B. It shall be unlawful for any owner or persons responsible to said owner to permit the continual barking of any dog or dogs at any times. Continued barking shall mean the barking of any dog wherein the barking is repeated on more than three occasions during any ten-minute period.

Section 186-6: Defecating on Public or Private Property:

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or walking any dog to permit his or her dog to discharge such animal's excreta

upon any public or private property within South Franklin Township, other than the property of the owner of such dog, if such person does not immediately thereafter remove and clean up such animal's excreta from the public or private property.

Section 186-7 - Accumulation of Excreta:


It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit the accumulation of excreta from such dog in a pen or enclosure, including a yard, or at any place with South Franklin Township where such accumulation creates a threat to the health of any person or the odor therefrom pollutes the air inhaled by any neighbor or other person.

Section 196-8 - Violations and Penalties

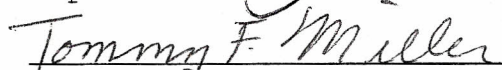
Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, in a summary proceeding before a District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$600.00, plus the costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment in the county prison for not more than 30 days.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 12TH day of OCTOBER, 2000


SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

  
Supervisor

  
Supervisor

  
Supervisor

ATTEST

  
Secretary