

36.

(Animal Ordinance of Bois Blanc Township)

Statement of Purpose: To promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of Bois Blanc Township, relating to the keeping of livestock, fowl, large, domestic, or exotic animals, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

The township of Bois Blanc ordains:

Section 1 (Definitions)

Livestock; any large animal such as horses, cows, buffalo, donkeys, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other small animals such as mink or chinchilla, raised for the purpose of harvesting their fur or sale as food.

Exotic animals: Lions, tigers, camels, monkeys, llamas, giraffes, etc.

Fowl: Chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, or other poultry.

Kennel: possession of, as well as pen or other housing for, more than 3 dogs, cats, or household pets for purposes of sale, boarding, breeding, grooming, or training.

Pet or Companion Animals: any animal kept for pleasure rather than utility; and animal of a species that has been bred and raised to live in or accept the habitation of humans and is dependent upon people for food and shelter.

Housing: pen, enclosure, fenced area, shelter, or building for non-human animals.

Nuisance: (examples) consistent commotion, anything that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, endangers personal health or safety, or is offensive to the senses, such as:

- repeatedly at-large
- damaging property other than that of its owners
- intimidating or molesting passers-by
- excessively disturbing noise, including but not limited to, continued barking, mooing, oinking, neighing, whinnying, baaing, howling, whining, yelping, bleating, braying, crowing, gobbling, etc.
- attacking other domestic animals
- offensive odor or excrement

Reasonable control: keeping of an animal on one's own premises by training, leash, fence or other physical restraints: or keeping of an animal

off one's own premises on a leash or confinement of animal in vehicle, cage, or other enclosure.

Section 2 (Unlawful Acts)

A. It shall be unlawful for livestock, fowl, or exotic animals to run at-large within the Township.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person(s) to keep or house more than three (3) pets or companion animals upon any premises.

Section 3 (Waste Disposal)

Disposal of waste offal of said animals shall regularly be disposed of in a fashion which shall prevent the same from emitting noxious odors or being a health hazard.

Section 4 (Nuisance)

All said animals shall not create a nuisance (noise, odor, etc.) to adjoining property owners or other persons residing within Bois Blanc Township, and therefore must be kept under reasonable control, within owners' property boundaries.

Section 5 (Care and Treatment)

A. It shall be unlawful for an owner not to provide his/her animals with sufficient food, water, shelter, and veterinary care, so as to prevent suffering.

B. It shall be unlawful to beat, cruelly mistreat, torment, overt cad, overwork, or otherwise abuse any animal.

Section 6 (Penalties)

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500. If the violation continues, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation.

Section 7 (Severability)

Severability Clause: If any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 8 (Effective Date)

Effective Date: this ordinance shall become effective after enactment and the day after publication.

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