

Resolution for the Control of Dogs

Hinckley Township, Medina County, Ohio

Section I: Barking Dogs

- (A) It shall be unlawful for anyone to harbor, keep or permit to be kept upon his premises or upon premises under his control within the limits of Hinckley Township any dog which, by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling, or yelping shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to one or more persons of ordinary sensibilities, inhabiting a residence in Hinckley Township. Any person who allows any dog habitually to remain or be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard, or enclosure, which said person owns or occupies shall be considered to be harboring such dog.

Section II: Threats to Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

- (A) No person shall keep or harbor any dog in Hinckley Township so as to create noxious or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which adversely impact the health, comfort, or safety of the public.

Section III: Damage to Property

- (A) No person, who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog, shall allow that dog to damage any public property or private property not owned by such person.
- (B) No person, who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog that defecates upon the property of another or upon public property not designated for such purposes, shall fail to immediately remove and dispose of any and all feces deposited by such dog in a sanitary manner.

Section IV: Exemptions

- (A) This resolution does not apply to:
1. The owner or person in charge of a dog that is assisting a blind, deaf, or handicapped person and such person is either unaware that the dog's activities are in violation of this resolution or is incapable of complying with this resolution.
 2. Law Enforcement personnel in charge of a dog in the performance of official duties.
 3. A dog that is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting and accompanied by a licensed hunter.

Section V: Penalties

- (A) Whoever violates any part of this resolution is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- (B) A separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed each day during or on which the offense occurs or continues.