

Ordinance No. 98-1

Adoption Date: 10/08/98

Section 1. **Running at large prohibited**

No dog shall be permitted to run at large, off the owner's or custodian's premises, within the limits of the Township. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon roads or public property when the dog is on a leash or is kept under the control of the person charged with its care.

Section 2. **Dog Nuisances**

The owner or custodian of any dog shall prevent the dog from committing, in the Township, any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog to habitually or frequently bark or cry, to frequent parks or public beaches, to chase vehicles, to molest or annoy any person away from the property of its owner or custodian, or to damage, defile, or destroy public or private property. Failure of the owner or custodian to prevent the dog from committing such nuisance is a violation of this section.

Section 3. **Impounding Stray Dogs or Animals**

The County Sheriff or any of his deputies may seize or impound any dog or animal found astray on public property or claimed to be astray by the owner of the premises upon which such animal is found provided that the owner of the premises demands such seizure or impoundment and agrees in writing to indemnify and hold harmless the Township from any claim for damages by the owner of said dog or other animal.

Upon taking and impounding any dog, the County Sheriff or any of his deputies shall within one (1) day thereafter post at the front door of the Township Hall a Notice of Impounding in the form established by the Township Board. If the owner of the dog is known, a written Notice of Impounding, in lieu of posted notice, shall be given to the owner thereof either by mail or personal service.

The Township, upon the impounding of any dog or other animal, may condition redemption of said dog from impounding upon payment of the required impounding fee as duly set by the Township Board from time to time, plus the cost of boarding for each day said dog or other animal has been confined in said pound.

If at the end of five (5) days after said impounding, the dog or other animal has not been redeemed, it may be sold at private sale, or the keeper of the pound may dispose of the dog or other animal in a humane manner or pursuant to the terms of Minnesota Statutes, Section 35.71

Section 4. **Penalty**

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. In addition to the penalties provided for a petty misdemeanor, the person shall reimburse the Township and/or County for any and all related costs.

Dog Ordinance Continue:

Should you suspect your dog has been impounded, please try:

Princeton Veterinarian Clinic:

(763) 389-2440

Tri-County Humane Society:

(320) 252-0896