

ORDINANCE NO. 124
Township of Erie
Ordinance for Dog Control

This is an Ordinance to provide for the control of dogs on the property of the owner and the disposition of stray, dangerous or annoying dogs, and for penalties for the violation hereof, and for the repeal of all ordinances inconsistent herewith.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ERIE, COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: Running at large prohibited.

No person allowing, possessing, or harboring any dog shall permit such dog to run at large at any time.

SECTION 2: Violation.

Any dog found at large in violation of this Ordinance may be caught and taken in charge by any person or persons designated by the Township Board for such work. Any dog running at large in violation of this Ordinance, which the officers, charged with the enforcement hereof, are unable to apprehend by reasonable and convenient means and efforts, may be destroyed by such officers.

SECTION 3: Monroe County Dog Pound

Any dog apprehended pursuant to Section 2 shall be confined in the Monroe County Dog Pound, and shall be thereafter disposed of in accordance with the rules and regulations of the County of Monroe.

SECTION 4: Disturbance.

No person shall harbor or keep any dog which by barking, yelping or howling shall disturb the quiet of the neighborhood or any person.

SECTION 5: Vicious Dog.

Any person harboring or keeping a fierce or vicious dog, or a dog that annoys people passing to and from upon public places, by barking, by chasing, or biting them or following them in a threatening manner, shall keep such dog confined upon his own premises, unless accompanied by said person, with a leash securely fastened to its collar.

SECTION 6: Harboring.

Any person allowing any dog to remain and be lodged or fed within his or her house, store, building, enclosure, or premises, shall be considered to be harboring or keeping the same within the meaning of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: Household Dogs.

In all residential districts, no person or persons shall harbor or keep more than two (2) dogs in or about the premises of a single-family dwelling, a dwelling unit in a duplex, apartment, condominium, or other multi-family dwelling units. In all residential districts, dogs born to a female kept in compliance with the provisions of this section may be kept on the premises of said female dog for a period of not more than sixty (60) days following said dogs' birth, even if the total number of dogs exceeds two (2) for a period of time.

SECTION 8: Running at Large.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "running at large" shall be construed to include any dog which shall be loose on any public area or on the property of another in the Township of Erie. A dog shall not be considered to be running at large if under the reasonable control of some person, or when engaged in lawful hunting, accompanied by his owner or custodian.

SECTION 9: Definition of Person.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term "person" shall include an individual, firm or corporation.

SECTION 10: Severability.

If any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11: Repeal.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 12: Penalty.

The violation of any provisions of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed One Hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) Dollars, or imprisonment for not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and

imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. Each day a violation of this ordinance continues shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 13: Effective Date.

This Ordinance is hereby declared adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Erie, at a meeting thereof, held on the 14th day of December, 2021, and ordered to be given publication in accordance with the statute made and provided. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on January 14, 2022.

YEAS: C. Wisbon, G. Wilmoth, S. Mishka, K. Cousino

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: P. Perry



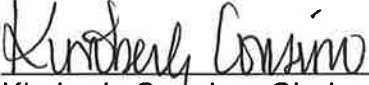
Kimberly Cousino, Clerk
Township of Erie

Attested: 

Gary Wilmoth, Supervisor Township of Erie

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in the Monroe News, a newspaper of general circulation which is circulated in the Township of Erie by publication on the 20 day of December, 2021.



Kimberly Cousino, Clerk
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