

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023
BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE of THE BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH AMENDING ORDINANCE # 3-96, 8/6/1996 KEEPING OF ANIMALS ORDINANCE WITHIN THE BOROUGH. THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS "BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH KEEPING OF ANIMALS ORDINANCE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE Borough Council of Biglerville Borough, Adams County, Pennsylvania, by authority thereof.

Part 1 **KEEPING OF ANIMALS § 2-101 Definitions.** [Ord. 3-96, 8/6/1996, § 101]

1. As used in the Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

ANIMAL - Any animal normally or ordinarily domesticated or raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes or normally or ordinarily kept as a household pet.

PET OWNER/KEEPER - Any person feeding or providing care to an animal, domestic or feral.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL - Any animal normally or ordinarily domesticated or raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes, or normally or ordinarily kept as household pets.

HOUSEHOLD PET - Any dog, cat or other domestic animal normally and ordinarily kept in or permitted to be at large in the dwelling of its owner.

LARGE ANIMAL - Any wild or domestic animal of the bovine, equine or sheep/swine family.

PERSON - Any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

SMALL ANIMAL - Any wild or domestic animal such as a rabbit, hare, guinea pig, rat, mouse or chinchilla; and any wild or domestic fowl such as a chicken, turkey, goose, duck or pigeon (excepting homing pigeons).

WILD ANIMAL - Any animal, including bird, fowl or reptile not normally or ordinarily domesticated, not normally or ordinarily raised in this area or climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes or not capable of being kept as a household pet.

2.

In this Chapter, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and the masculine shall include the feminine. § 2-102 -- **Keeping of Animals Regulated.**

[Ord. 3-96, 8/6/1996, § 102]

1.

Large animals shall be confined in quarters no part of which shall be closer than 100 feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling or any property line.

2.

Small animals shall be kept confined to quarters no part of which shall be closer than 25 feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling or of any property line.

3.

The keeper of every such animal shall confine the same in an enclosure sufficient to prevent such animal from running at large, and such enclosure shall be of a size conducive to good sanitary practices and adequate and sanitary drainage facilities shall be provided.

4.

Every keeper of any animal shall dispose of the litter and droppings of said animal in a manner that will prevent the infestation of flies, fly larvae, rats and other rodents or pests.

5.

Every keeper of any animal shall cause all feed provided therefor to be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, container or receptacle.

6.

Every keeper of any feral/non-domesticated animal(s) shall claim responsibility for said animal(s) and must be in compliance with items 1-5 listed above. No Exceptions

§ 2-103 Household Pets. [Ord. 3-96, 8/6/1996, § 103]

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any household pet, except as provided in this subsection:

A. If any such pet shall be kept in a dwelling owned or occupied by its owner, such owner shall be required to follow such procedures and practices as to the number of such pets to be kept there, and as to sanitation, to ensure that no public nuisance shall be created or maintained and no threat to the health of persons living elsewhere than in such dwelling shall be created.

B. If any such pet shall be kept in an enclosure outside such dwelling, the provisions of § **2-102** of this Part, insofar as the same applies to small animals, shall be applicable to the keeping of such household pets.

§ 2-104 Violation of State Law.

[Ord. 3-96, 8/6/1996, § 104]

Any violation of this Part that would also violate any State law shall be prosecuted under that State law and not under this Part.

§ 2-105 Exceptions.

[Ord. 3-96, 8/6/1996, § 105]

Only animals kept for the purpose of education at a State approved institution with prior written approval of the Borough Council.

§ 2-106 Penalties.

[Ord. 3-96, 8/6/1996, § 106; as amended by Ord. 6-2003, 9/2/2003, § 1]

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.


3. Any ordinance or resolutions previously adopted are superseded by this ordinance.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 4 DAY OF APRIL
2023 by the Borough Council of Biglerville, Adams County.

Borough of Biglerville

BY: 
Council President

ATTEST: 
Secretary

By: 
Mayor

