

**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 604

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART II: GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 87, “DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS”, ARTICLE III “DOGS” TO THE EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter the “Township”) is a Township of the Second Class, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, 53 Pa. C.S. § 66506, grants the Board of Supervisors the authority to enact certain ordinances and regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the community of East Norriton Township; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 87, Section 87-6, Harboring of certain animals and activities, of the East Norriton Township Code of Ordinances (the “Code”) establishes that any animal that repeatedly barks, howls, crows, cockles, yelps or makes other similar or offensive sounds for a continuous, unabated period of one hour between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or for a continuous, unabated period of two hours during all other hours is deemed to be committing a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the current permissible amount of time allowed for continuous, unabated periods of barking poses a public health, safety and welfare issue; and

WHEREAS, based upon the results of the Township’s studies the Board of Supervisors desires to amend the Township Code to lower the maximum permissible amount of time allowed for continuous, unabated periods of barking to abrogate the danger posed to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the community of East Norriton Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 87, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE

Part II General Legislation, Chapter 87 “Dogs and Other Animals”, Article III “Dogs”, Section 87-6 “Harboring of certain animals and activities restricted”, of the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to lower the permissible amount of time allowed for

continuous, unabated periods of barking shall read as follows (amendments in bold and underline):

§ 87-6 Harboring of certain animals and activities restricted.

A. Any animal or fowl, domestic or otherwise, is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance if such animal or fowl:

(1) Repeatedly barks, howls, crows, cockles, yelps or makes other similar or offensive sounds for a continuous, unabated period of **thirty (30) minutes**.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEALER.

Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.


This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.


ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 26th day of September, 2023.

Attest:



**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**


Robert R. Hart, Esq., Secretary


Dennis DeSanto, Jr., Chairman