

**BOROUGH OF KANE  
MCKEAN COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE #A-1075**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF KANE, MCKEAN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78 ANIMALS, ARTICLE III REGULATION OF CATS, §78-11 DEFINITIONS AND ADDING §78-15 BAITING OF FREE ROAMING CATS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF KANE.

Amending as follows:

Chapter 78 Animals

Article III. Regulation of Cats

§78-11. Definitions

**OWNER**

Any person owning, keeping, feeding, harboring, or having custody of a cat, or who allows a cat to reside or remain about their premises, shall be considered a "cat owner", with the exceptions of those defined in and abiding by the regulations of §78-15, Baiting of Free Roaming Cats.

§78-15. Baiting of Free Roaming Cats

- A. Any person feeding or allowing free roaming cats to remain about their premises for the purpose of aiding in trapping, neutering, vaccinating, and returning free roaming cats shall not be considered the owner of the free roaming cats.
- B. Any person feeding free roaming cats must allow entry to their premises by a representative of the Borough, to surveil the feeding area to be sure the regulations as listed in §78-15 C are followed, in addition to those listed in §78-14 to enforce the provisions of this Article.
- C. Any person feeding free roaming cats shall strictly follow the rules and regulations as follows:
  - (1) Feed cats at the same time every day to help keep cats out of trash/dumpsters and free roaming in search of food.
  - (2) Feed only as much as needed.
  - (3) Do not leave food out overnight or for an extended period of time. Typically, cats are done eating within a half hour of being fed, and it is then best to pick up the food.
  - (4) Remove the dishes when the cats are finished eating to prevent attracting wildlife or insects.
  - (5) Always keep the feeding area clean. Do not allow spills to remain in the area.
  - (6) Litter boxes or areas for cats to deposit waste should be available to help draw cats away from gardens and landscaping. This should always be kept as clean as possible.
  - (7) Shelter may be provided as a safe place for the cats to escape the elements to help prevent them from seeking shelter in unwanted areas.
  - (8) Contact and assist a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release program or the local SPCA, when possible, to find indoor homes for friendly cats and kittens.
- D. Any person who does not follow the regulations in §78-15 C will:
  - (1) Be contacted in writing by the Borough with Notice to Comply and a reminder of the feeding rules and regulations.
  - (2) Subsequent offences will lead to directive to cease feeding the free roaming cats. The resident will no longer be considered an exception in regard to the definition of a "Cat Owner" and as such shall be held to the responsibilities as listed in §78-12, §78-13 and subject to the penalties and fines as listed in §78-16 and Chapter 72 Alternative Disposition Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Kane, to amend Chapter 78 (Animals), Article III (Regulation of Cats) §78-11 (Definitions), and §78-15 (Baiting of Free Roaming Cats) of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Kane, McKean County, Pennsylvania.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024:

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Council President

Attest:

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Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024:

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Mayor