TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND/OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS; NOISE CONTROL AND DEFECATION ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND LIMITING TO THREE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS IN ANY ONE HOUSEHOLD; LIMITING HAMSTERS AND GERBILS TO TWO OF EITHER/OR PER HOUSEHOLD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THR PROVISIONS HEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Robinson, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

Section 1. The running at large of dogs within the Township of Robinson shall be and is hereby prohibited.

Section 2. Any dog shall be deemed to be running at large when said animal is one foot off the premises of the person, firm or corporation, owning, keeping, or harboring such animal without being restrained by a firmly attached leash or chain, not to exceed six (6) feet in length, or in a cage or enclosure, by the owner, keeper or handler of such animal.

Section 3. The Police or other authorized animal control representatives of the Township are hereby authorized and empowered to seize and take possession of, on public or private property, any such dog or animal permitted to run at large within the Township of Robinson.

Section 4. Dogs or other animals seized under this Ordinance may be disposed of as authorized by the Dog Law, P.S. Section 459-101, et. seq.

Section 5. No person shall keep or allow to remain within the Township of Robinson any dog or other animal which by frequent and continued howling, barking, crying, baying, yelping or other naturally produced sound, for a period of ten (10) minutes in any one hour, whether by day or night, or for any episode of intermittent noise lasting thirty (30) minutes, which shall disturb the peace, quite and enjoyment of any surrounding resident. The keeping of any such animal shall be and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Section 6. Any dog or other animal which digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private probate, other than the owner or person in charge or control of the animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. The keeping of any such animal shall be, and is hereby declared to be a nuisance, as well as in violation of the provisions herein.

Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner, such type of nuisance shall be considered abated.

Section 7. No person shall keep or allow to remain on any premises within the Township of Robinson, owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled by him/her or it, a total of more than three (3) animals, excluding fish (amount limited to size of tank), and hamsters or gerbils of which will be limited to two (2) of either/or.

Section 8. Veterinarian Clinics, Animal Hospitals and Licensed Kennels shall be excluded from Section VI. These establishments are expected to exercise noise control and running at large.

Section 9. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions herein shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not in excess of Six Hundred ($600.00) Dollars, together with costs for each offense.

Section 10. The provisions of the Ordinance shall be construed to be severable. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, invalidity, or illegality shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance . It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township of Robinson that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof had not been included herein.

Section 11. That any Ordinance, or part thereof, that may conflict herewith, or be repealed hereby, be and is hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 1st day of APRIL, 2024.

ATTEST:

Frank Piccolino, III
Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON

Ronald Shiwarski
Chairman