TOWNSHIP OF TINICUM, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 921

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINICUM, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 77. ANIMALS, ARTICLE III CURBING OF DOGS, §§77-28. PROCEDURE FOR CURBING; REMOVAL OF FECES AND PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESPONSIBLE HANDLING AND LEASHING OF DOGS

§77-26, Title.

This Article shall be known as the "Dog Curbing Ordinance".

§77-27. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to protect the health, safety and welfare of all those frequenting the Township of Tinicum. Further, it is the purpose of this Article to prevent the needless health hazards and nuisances caused by dogs running at large and dog defecation upon public and private property located within the Township of Tinicum.

§77-28. Procedure for curbing; removal of feces.

No person, agency or institution owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog or dogs shall cause, suffer or allow such dog or dogs to soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance upon any public or private property whatsoever, except with the express authority or permission of the owner of said property. The restriction in this section shall not apply to the portion of the street lying between the curblines or the curbline and the sidewalk which may be used to curb such dogs under the following conditions:

- A. Any person owing or responsible for the care, control or custody of a dog within the Township shall not permit such dog to be unattended within the Township and must have said dog(s) restrained by use of a leash(es), including multi-length retractable leases, chains or other appropriate control devices not exceeding eight (8') feet in length, attached from a collar and/or harness by a person able to fully control the said dog(s) at all times, which for purpose of this Article shall be "curbing".
- B. Any person who so curbs a dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the Health Officer of the Township of Tinicum, and same shall be deposited in the owner's garbage or in some other sanitary manner approved by the Health Officer of the Township of Tinicum. The

deposit shall be properly wrapped, packaged or protected as to prevent unsightly disposal or smell or interference with the health and welfare of the community of the Township.

§ 77-29. Violations and penalties.

Any person or persons convicted of violating this article shall be subject to a fine of not more than six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars plus costs of prosecution; and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

§ Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any Section, clause, sentence, part of provision hereof shall be determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not impair or affect any remaining provisions of the Ordinance, it being the intention of the Board of Commissioners that it would have adopted this Ordinance even if the offending language had not been included.

§ Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adopted.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** into an Ordinance and passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Tinicum, Delaware County, Pennsylvania this 18th day of March, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF TINICUM

By:

Partrick K. McCarthy, President

Board of Commissioners

Attest:

David D. Schreiber, Township Secretary

(Municipality Seal)