

**Part 3****Animal Maintenance Standards****§2-301. Definitions.**

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

*Animal* - any domestic animal or fowl, any wild animal or any household pet.

*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 a household pet.

*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 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 and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes; or not capable of being kept as a household pet.

In this Part, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

(Ord. 356, 12/17/1986)

**§2-302. Certain Animals Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any pig, hog, swine or porcine animal at any place within the Township.

(Ord. 356, 12/17/1986; as amended by Ord. 532, 9/10/2008)

**§2-303. Keeping of Animals Regulated.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any domestic animal, except household pets, except as provided in this Section:

A. 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 of any property line.

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

C. 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 and construction conducive to the animal's health, and adequate

sanitary drainage facilities shall be provided.

D. Every keeper of any animal shall cause the litter and droppings therefrom to be collected daily in a container or receptacle that when closed shall be rat-proof and fly-tight, and after every such collection shall cause such container or receptacle to be kept closed. At least twice a week, every such keeper shall cause all litter and droppings so collected to be disposed of in such manner as not to permit the presence of fly larvae.

E. 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.

(*Ord. 356, 12/17/1986*)

#### **§2-304. Household Pets.**

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

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 insure 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 §2-303 of this Part, insofar as the same applies to small animals, shall be applicable to the keeping of such household pet.

(*Ord. 356, 12/17/1986*)

#### **§2-305. Violation of State Law.**

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

(*Ord. 356, 12/17/1986*)

#### **§2-306. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 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.

(*Ord. 356, 12/17/1986; as amended by Ord. 532, 9/10/2008*)