

## Ordinance #26

An Ordinance prohibiting and regulating the running at large of dogs, cats, or other pets, livestock, fowls, or other animals not kept as pets; prohibiting the keeping of hogs; and providing for the destruction of unowned pigeons within the Borough.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Borough Council of the Borough of Deer Lake, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania that:

### **Section 1.**

It shall not be lawful for any owner or person in charge of any dog, cat, or other pet, livestock, fowl, or other animal not kept as a pet to suffer or permit such animal to run at large in this Borough, unless such animal be secured by a leash or otherwise restricted and accompanied by a person.

### **Section 2.**

The Mayor or any police officer is hereby authorized and required to immediately seize and detain any such animal found running at large and to confine the animal.

### **Section 3.**

In the case of any animal wearing a collar and license, the animal shall be impounded, and notice, either personal or by registered mail, shall be given to the owner to claim the animal within ten (10) days from receipt of the said notice.

### **Section 4.**

The owner of any such animal seized and detained, whether notice is required to such owner or not, shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of the seizure and detention before the animal is returned. In the event that all reasonable expenses are not paid by the owner of such animal, the Mayor is authorized and directed to destroy and bury any such animal or to sell any such animal for the benefit of this Borough, in default of the redemption thereof by its owner.

### **Section 5.**

The keeping of hogs within this Borough or within any part of this Borough is prohibited.

### **Section 6.**

The Mayor or any police officer is hereby authorized and directed to destroy or kill all unowned pigeons within the geographical limits of this Borough by any humane means.

### **Section 7.**

Every person keeping any dog, cat, or other pet, livestock, fowl, or other animal not kept as a pet about his house or premises, or permitting such animal to remain or stay about his house or premises shall be taken and deemed to be the

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owner of such animal for the purposes of this Ordinance. Such owner shall be responsible for providing that any such animal shall not interfere with or otherwise cause a nuisance to the health, safety, peace, or comfort of the neighborhood. The owner of any such animal interfering with or otherwise causing a nuisance as aforesaid, or every such owner violating any section of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each such violation, and the cost of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than three (3) days.

### **Section 8.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

### **Section 9.**

Ordinance No. 15 prohibiting and regulating the running of large dogs in the Borough of Deer Lake is specifically repealed.

Enacted and Ordained this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1970.

Approved: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1970