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Unlawful Keeping of Animals

§101. Unlawful to Keep Livestock and Farm Animals Within the Borough Limits; Penalty.

1. No person, firm or corporation shall keep any livestock, farm animals including, but not limited to, pigs, hogs, horses, cows, chickens, ducks and sheep, within the Borough, nor shall any person, firm, or corporation maintain any buildings or pens for the keeping or maintenance of any such animals at any place within the said Borough.

2. Penalty. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding six hundred ($600.00) dollars and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. [Ord. 357]

(Ord. 219, 6/5/1973; as amended by Ord. 254, 5/4/1976; and by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

Part 2

Animal Noise Control

§201. Intent and Purpose. The Borough Council, finding that excessive levels of sound are detrimental to the physical, mental and social well being of the people as well as to their comfort, living conditions, general welfare and safety and being therefore a public health and welfare hazard, hereby declares it to be necessary to provide for the greater control and more effective regulation of excessive sound and the sources of excessive sound within the Borough. (Ord. 233, 7/10/1973, §3; as revised by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

§202. Noise Disturbance. It shall be illegal within the Borough for any person or persons to own, possess, harbor, or control any animal or bird which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or makes such noise intermittently for one-half (½) hour or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night regardless of whether the animal or bird is physically situated in or upon private property, said noise being a nuisance; provided, that at the time the animal or bird is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or bird is situated nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the animal or bird. (Ord. 233, 7/10/1973, §3; as revised by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

§203. Exceptions. This Part shall not be deemed to prohibit or otherwise declare unlawful any agricultural operations protected from nuisance suits by Act No. 1982-133. (Ord. 233, 7/10/1973, §3; as revised by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

§204. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than six hundred ($600.00) dollars and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. (Ord. 233, 7/10/1973, §3; as revised by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)

Part 3

Animal Defecation

§301. Animal Defecation on Public and Private Property Restricted. No person, having possession, custody or control of any animal shall knowingly or negligently permit any dog or other animal to commit any nuisance, i.e., defecation upon any gutter, street, driveway, alley, curb or sidewalk in the Borough of Hatfield, or upon the floors or stairways of any building or place frequented by the public or used in common by the tenants, or upon the outside walls, walkways, driveways, alleys, curbs or stairways of any building abutting on a public area, or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal. (Ord. 390, 8/21/1996, §301)

§302. Disposal of Animal Feces. Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal which commits a nuisance, i.e., defecation in any area other than the private property of the owner of such dog or other animal, as prohibited in §301, shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either:

A. Carry same away for disposal in a toilet.

B. Place same in nonleaking container for deposit in a trash or litter receptacle.

(Ord. 390, 8/21/1996, §302)

§303. Dogs Accompanying Blind or Handicapped Persons Exempted. The provisions of §§301 and 302 hereof shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying blind persons, or to a dog used to assist any other physically handicapped person. (Ord. 390, 8/21/1996, §303)

§304. Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars ($300.00), or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both. (Ord. 390, 8/21/1996, §303)