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ORDINANCE NO. 242

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS IN THE BOROUGH, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same.

SECTION I. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or cat to allow such dog or cat to run at large at any time upon any streets, highways, alleys or public grounds in the Borough of South Connellsville or upon the property of other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog or cat.

SECTION II. DOGS AND CATS TO BE CONFINED BY OWNER, CUSTODIAN OR KEEPER. Dogs and cats must be confined on the premises of the owner, custodian or keeper at all times. When allowed out, the same must be under control at all times of the owner, custodian or keeper thereof. Dogs are permitted on the streets, highways, alleys or public ground in the Borough of South Connellsville when on a leash and in the care of the owner, custodian, or keeper.

SECTION III. DOGS AND CATS AT LARGE TO BE DETAINED. It shall be the duty of the police officers of the Borough, or the Borough's designated animal control officer, to seize and detain any dog found at large and confine them in accordance with the provisions of the State Dog Law of 1982, and its amendments.

It shall be the duty of the police officers of the Borough, or the Borough's designated animal control officer, to seize and detain any cat found at large and confine them in the licensed facility owned and operated by the Fayette SPCA.

The owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or cat bearing an identification tag seized and detained by the police officers of the Borough, or the Borough's designated animal control officer, shall be notified of the impoundment by certified mail with return receipt.

Any unlicensed dog or cat shall be confined in the licensed facility owned and operated by the Fayette SPCA

SECTION IV. LICENSED FACILITY DESIGNATED. The Borough Council hereby designates the facility owned and operated by the Fayette SPCA as the licensed facility where dogs and cats seized and detained by the police officers of the Borough, or the Borough's designated animal control officer, shall be kept.

SECTION V. UNLAWFUL TO KEEP VICIOUS DOG OR CAT. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep in the Borough, under any circumstances, any vicious dog or cat.

SECTION VI. EXCESSIVE NOISE. It shall be unlawful for any owner, custodian or keeper of a dog or cat in their possession or under their control to permit the same to make any frequent or long continued noise of such character or intensity as to disturb the comfort or repose any person in the neighborhood, vicinity, passersby or Borough.

SECTION VII. ANIMAL DISCHARGE OF EXCRETA. It shall be unlawful for any owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or cat to permit the same to discharge such animal's excreta upon any street, highway, alley or public ground of the Borough or upon the property of other than the property of the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or cat, within the Borough, if such owner, custodian or keeper does not immediately thereafter remove and clean up, by sanitary methods, such animal excreta from said public and private property.

SECTION VIII. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. It shall be the duty of the police officers of the Borough of South Connellsville, or the Animal Control Officer as designated by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Connellsville, to enforce all provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION IX. PENALTIES. Any owner, custodian or keeper of any detained dog or cat shall be responsible to pay a fine as hereinafter stated and all reasonable expenses incurred in the detention of said dog or cat.

Any owner, custodian or keeper found to be in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Fifty [\$50.00] Dollars nor more than Three Hundred [\$300.0] Dollars and/or to undergo imprisonment in the Fayette County Jail for a period of not more than ninety [90] days.

SECTION XI. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION XI. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 10th day of November, 1993.

Fred K. Bates
President of Council

ATTEST:

Kathleen Crouse
Borough Secretary

APPROVED this 10th day of November, 1993.

Peter McCasini
Mayor

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Borough Secretary