

**MEDINA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
02-25-2016**

The Township of Medina, Medina County, Ohio, met in regular session on 02-25-2016, with the following members present: Bill Ostmann, Chairman, Ray Jarrett, Vice-Chairman and Ken DeMichael, Trustee.

Mr. Ostmann offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of same which was duly seconded by Mr. Jarrett.

DOG CONTROL RESOLUTION NO. 02252016-004

MEDINA TOWNSHIP, MEDINA OHIO

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has granted the Township the authority to pass resolutions on the control of dogs, (O.R.C. 955.221); and,

WHEREAS, be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Medina Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Medina Township, Ohio that:

SECTION I. Confinement and Restraint

- (A) No owner, keeper, or harborer of any dog shall fail to prevent such dog from running at large on any property not his own whether that dog is properly registered or not.
- (B) No owner, keeper, or harborer of any dog, registered or not, shall permit such dog to enter any public or private property other than such person unless such dog is securely leashed by a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length and under reasonable control of some person of reasonable age and discretion, with the following exceptions:
 - (1) The dog is on private property other than that of the owner, keeper, or harborer of the dog and the property owner has given their permission.
 - (2) The dog is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting. However, such dog (s) at all other times and in all other respects shall be subject to this resolution, unless actually in the field and engaged in hunting or in legitimate training for such purpose.
- (C) No owner, keeper, or harborer of any female dog shall permit it to go beyond the premises of the owner, keeper or harborer at any time the dog is in heat, unless the dog is properly leashed and under reasonable control.
- (D) It shall be prima-facie evidence that a dog is not under the required control if such dog chases, injures, menaces, or kills any person or domestic animal or commits any nuisance upon property other than that of its owner, keeper, or harborer.

- (E) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than \$25 or more than \$100 on a first offense, and on each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than \$75 or more than \$250 and may be imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days. In addition, the offender may be required to personally supervise the dog the offender owns, or harbors, to cause that dog to complete dog obedience training, (ORC) 955.99)

SECTION II. Barking and Noisy Animals

No person shall keep or harbor any dog which howls or barks or emits audible sounds which are unreasonably loud or disturbing and which are of such a character, intensity, and duration so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or to be detrimental to the life and health of any individual.

SECTION III. Threats to Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

- (A) No person shall keep or harbor any dog in the Township so as to create noxious or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which adversely impact the health, comfort, or safety of the public.
- (B) A separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed each day during or on which the offense occurs or continues.

SECTION IV. Property Cleanup

- (A) No owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog which defecates upon property of another shall fail to immediately remove any and all feces deposited by such dog from the property of another, including public parks or other public property. The owner of or person having charge of such dog shall immediately dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner.

SECTION V. Exemptions

- (A) This resolution does not apply to:
- (1) The owner or person in charge of a dog that is assisting a blind, deaf, or handicapped person and such person either is unaware that the dog's activities are in violation of this resolution or is unable to comply with this resolution.
 - (2) Law enforcement personnel in charge of a dog which is assisting such personnel in the performance of official duties.
 - (3) A dog that is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting and training.

SECTION VI. Penalties

(A) Whoever violates Section II-V of this resolution is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

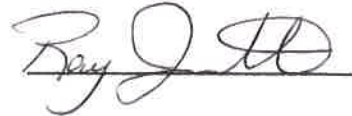
(B) A separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed each day during or on which the offense occurs or continues.

Roll call vote: Mr. Ostmann aye, Mr. Jarrett aye and Mr. DeMichael no.

Ken DeMichael, Trustee



Bill Ostmann, Chairman



Ray Jarrett, Vice-Chairman

Adopted on the: 25th day of February, 2016.