

Chapter 2

Animals

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Part 1**Dogs Running at Large****§2-101. Definitions.**

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

Owner—when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, includes every person having a right of property in such dog, and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

Running at large—being upon any public highway, street, alley, park or any other public land, or upon property of another person other than the owner, and not being accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.

(Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010)

§2-102. Appointment and Duties of Dog Warden.

A dog warden shall be appointed by Board of Supervisors to serve during its pleasure. Such dog warden along with police officers and/or constable shall have concurrent responsibility for the enforcement of this Part and of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-101 *et seq.*; provided, that he shall not have the power to make arrests under this Act of Assembly or any other Act of Assembly or ordinance of the Township of Washington.

(Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010)

§2-103. Unlawful to Allow Dogs to Run at Large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or dogs to allow or permit such dog or dogs to run at large in the Township of Washington.

(Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010)

§2-104. Seizing of Dogs.

The dog warden or any police officer or constable may seize any dog found at large in Township of Washington. Such dogs are to be impounded in a licensed kennel.

(Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010)

§2-105. Licensed Dogs.

The officer seizing a dog shall notify the owner of a licensed dog by registered or certified mail, with return receipt, that the dog is impounded and will be disposed of in 5 days if not claimed. Five days after the return receipt has been received, and the dog has not been claimed, the dog may be sold or destroyed in accordance with the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §§459-302.

(Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010)

§2-106. Unlicensed Dogs.

Unlicensed dogs that are seized shall be held in such kennel for 48 hours and if not claimed may be destroyed in accordance with the Dog Law, 3 P.S. 459-303.

(*Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010*)

§2-107. Dangerous Dogs.

1. A dog determined to be dangerous under §502-A of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. 459-502A, shall be restrained or otherwise kept in accordance with Article VI-A of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. 459-501A *et seq.*

2. Dogs may be killed only in accordance with the requirements of §501 of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §§459-501, and otherwise, said dogs must be detained and delivered to the police or a State dog warden. While detained, said dog must be treated in a humane manner.

(*Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010*)

§2-108. Penalties.

1. The first two times a dog is seized, the owner shall pay a fine of \$15 to the Township of Washington as well as reasonable fees for keeping the animal in a kennel in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

2. Any person allowing a dog to run at large a third time in violation of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fines and cost, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

(*Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010*)