

TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING NOISE DISTURBANCE OF AND BY DOGS; DESIGNATING SUCH NOISE DISTURBANCE AS A NUISANCE; EXEMPTING DOGS ACCOMPANYING BLIND OR HANDICAPPED PERSONS; AND FIXING A FINE FOR VIOLATION HEREOF.

It is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township as follows:

SECTION 1: It shall be illegal within the Township of Hanover for any person or persons to own, possess, harbor, or control any dog which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of one hour or makes such noise intermittently for two hours or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night, regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property; said noise being a nuisance; provided, that at the time the dog is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or dog is situated, nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the dog.

SECTION 2. Whenever any person shall complain to the Township that a dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps is being kept by any person in the Township, the Township police

department shall notify the owner of said dog that a complaint has been received and that the person should take proper steps necessary to alleviate the barking, howling, or yelping.

If the warning given to the person alleged to be keeping a dog as set forth above is ineffective, then a verified complaint of at least two (2) citizens not from the same family may be presented to the police department, alleging that a dog or a dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps, is being kept by any person within the Township. The police department shall inform the owner of such dog that said petition has been received and shall cite the owner of the dog for the violation alleged in said petition.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind persons, or to a dog used to assist any other physically handicapped person.

SECTION 4. Any owner, person, firm, association or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or to imprisonment for a term not more than ninety days.

SECTION 5. Any violation of this Ordinance that would also violate any state law may be prosecuted under that state law or under this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be

invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of this Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Nothing herein shall prevent the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors, in their discretion, from entering into agreements with any officially recognized Animal Control Group, Society, Company or Agency for the purpose of enforcing this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption. ENACTED AND ORDAINED INTO AN Ordinance this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1995.

ATTEST:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Judith A. Patosky  
Township Secretary

Samara L. McCoy  
T. D. Ferry

