

DOG ORDINANCE

At the annual Farming Township Meeting the following ordinance was chosen:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP LIMITS OF FARMING TOWNSHIP

The Township Board of Farming does hereby ordain:

Section 1. Running at large prohibited. No dog shall be permitted to run at large off the owner's or custodian's premises, within the limits of the Township. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon roads or public property when the dog is on a leash or is kept under the control of the person charged with its care.

Section 2. Dog nuisances. The owner or custodian of any dog shall prevent the dog from committing in the Township any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog to habitually or frequently bark or cry at night, to frequent school grounds, parks or public beaches, to chase vehicles, to molest or annoy any person away from the property of its owner or custodian, or to damage, defile, or destroy public or private property. Failure of the owner or custodian of a dog to prevent the dog from committing such a nuisance is a violation of this section.

Section 3. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. In addition to the penalties provided for a petty misdemeanor, the person shall reimburse the Township and/or the County for any and all costs.

Section 4. Fee. The County and Township expenses will be passed on to the owner of the dog or dogs.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication as required by Minnesota Law.

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Approved: Township of Farming

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