

BOROUGH OF WEST GROVE
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS IN THE BOROUGH OF WEST GROVE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the West Grove Borough Council as follows:

SECTION I. Running at Large Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or keeps any animal to intentionally or negligently permit such animal to run at large in the Borough of West Grove in violation of the provisions of the Dog Laws provided by the State of Pennsylvania, Act 225. Any animal running at large in violation said law shall be subject to seizure, detention, and disposal as provided therein.

SECTION II. Disturbance of the Peace.

It shall be unlawful to own, harbor, or keep in custody any animal and or fowl which disturbs the peace by barking, howling, or making other loud noises to the annoyance and discomfort of any person in the Borough of West Grove. Barking, howling, or the making of other loud noises by such animal for more than fifteen (15) minutes shall be deemed to disturb the peace and to cause the annoyance and discomfort of persons in the Borough of West Grove.

SECTION III. Injury to Humans.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit said animal to injure any human being by biting, jumping on, knocking down, or attacking said human beings.

SECTION IV. Curbing of Dogs (Pooper Scooper Law)

No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause suffer or allow such dog to defile or defecate on any public or private property, other than the property of the owner of such dog.

The restrictions set forth in the paragraph above shall not apply to that portion of the street lying between the curb lines, which shall be used by dogs to defecate under the condition that the person in charge of such dog shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces deposited by such animal by sanitary and reasonable means.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who shall be convicted of violating or failing to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance before any District Justice shall be guilty of a summary offense and be punishable by a fine not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), together with costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, the violator shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

SECTION VI. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to severable, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or part thereof is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or part of this ordinance.

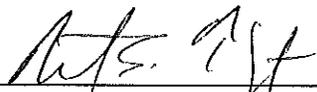
SECTION VII. Repealer.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION VII. Effective Date.

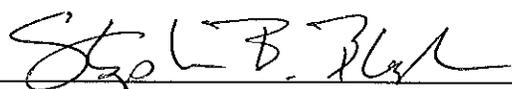
This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its enactment.

Passed by West Grove Borough Council,



Richard S. Turkington, President

Approved by the Mayor,

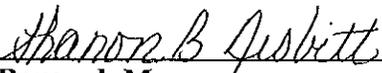


Stephen B. Black, Mayor

Enacted, June 4, 2002

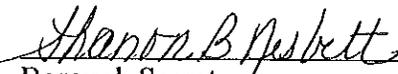
Borough of West Grove

Attest:


Borough Manager

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was advertised in the Avon Grove Sun on May 23, 2002, a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, and was duly enacted and approved as set forth at the regular meeting of the West Grove Borough Council held on June 4, 2002.


Borough Secretary