

ORDINANCE NO. 34
DOGS AT LARGE

An Ordinance prohibiting owners, custodians and keepers of licensed and unlicensed dogs from allowing such dogs to run at large; providing for the seizure, and impounding of such dogs when at large; requiring the reimbursement of charges incurred by reason of such detention of dogs.

The Township of Westfall hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, whether bearing the current license tag or not, to allow such dog to run at large at any time, either upon any of the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township of Westfall or upon the property of another than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog, unless accompanied by and under the immediate control of such owner, custodian, or keeper.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of any police officer, or other designated person, of the Township of Westfall who witnesses any dog running at large in conflict with the provisions of the first section of this ordinance, or who receives information of any dog so running at large, to seize such dog and to convey it to the place designated by Township of Westfall as a pound.

(a) If the dog seized bears a license, notice of such seizure shall be sent to the owner of such dog in the manner prescribed by law, and such dog may be claimed by the owner thereof with the time specified by law, upon payment of a penalty as prescribed by law, and upon payment of all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of the dogs detention to the detaining parties.

(b) If the dog is unlicensed an advertisement describing

the dog shall be placed in a local newspaper, and such dog may be claimed by the owner thereof within ten (10) days from the advertisement upon payment of a pick-up fee of five (\$5.00) dollars and costs of advertising which shall go to the Township of Westfall and upon payment of all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of the dogs detention to the detaining parties.

(c) If any dog is not claimed within the time periods as hereinabove set forth the dog shall be disposed of by sale or by destruction in some humane manner. In case of sale of licensed dogs all monies derived from the sale shall be disbursed as provided by law. In case of sale of unlicensed dogs, after deducting the detention expenses and the advertising expenses and the pick-up fee expenses the remaining money shall be paid to the Township of Westfall.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or resolutions inconsistent herewith are repealed and should any section or provision of this ordinance be for any reason void, or invalid, it shall not effect the validity of any other section or provision hereof which is not itself void or invalid.

This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 1977.

TOWNSHIP OF WESTFALL

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Attest:

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