

# CITY OF JEANNETTE

## Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

BILL NO. 10-06

ORDINANCE NO. 10-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Jeannette has received various complaints from residents of the City of Jeannette as a result of animals running at large upon public and private property and causing damages thereto: and

WHEREAS, the City of Jeannette is empowered to regulate and/or prohibit the possession of animals and to enact ordinances to abate nuisances resulting from the same; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Jeannette deems it necessary to protect the continuing health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and to make certain that such ordinances are created in order to achieve such protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITH THE FOREGOING RECITALS BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I. Definitions.** For the purpose of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PERSON- any persons, individual, firm, corporation, partnership, or any other entity that owns, has control of, or is in possession of any of the animals mentioned herein.

**SECTION II. Prohibited acts.**

- A. No person shall keep any pig, goat, chicken, horse, cow, or nondomestic animal at any place within the City of Jeannette.
- B. No person shall keep or harbor any dog, cat, or other animal in the City of Jeannette so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise, or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to or affect the health, comfort, or safety of the public.
- C. No person shall permit any dog, cat, or other animal which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping, baying, or in any way or manner disturbing the quiet of any person in the community.
- D. No person shall permit any dog, cat, or other animal to enter any enclosure or fenced-in area on another person's property where domestic animals are confined, provided that the enclosure is adequate for the purpose intended.

E. No person shall permit any dog, cat, or other animal to run at large within the City of Jeannette. Any animal on a leash or similar apparatus shall not be considered at large, providing that the leash is no more than 15 feet long.

F. No person shall permit any dog, cat, or other animal to scratch, dig, or defecate upon any other person's property, including, but not limited to, buildings, lawns, trees, hedges, shrubs, plants, flowers, or any growing things, whether the property is public or private, without the permission of the owner of the property. In the event that the person in charge or control of the animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of the same in a sanitary manner, such nuisance shall be considered abated.

**SECTION III. Violations and penalties.** Any person who violates the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of Summary Offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to pay a fine of not less than \$50.00, nor greater than \$300.00, and in default thereof, shall be sentenced to a period of imprisonment for not more ten (10) days.

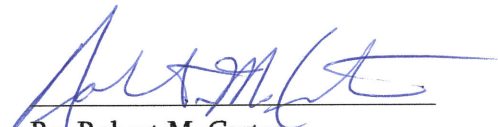
**SECTION IV.** If any provisions of application of this Ordinance shall be declared by a court competent jurisdiction to invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance.

**SECTION V.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

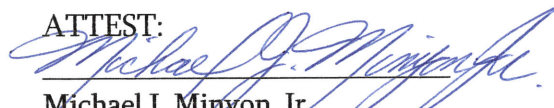
**SECTION VI.** Any violation of this Ordinance which is also a violation of any state statute or regulation shall be prosecuted under such state statute or regulation and not under this Ordinance.

THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, AT A DULY ADVERTISED PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2010.

THE CITY OF JEANNETTE:

  
By: Robert M. Carter,  
Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST:

  
Michael J. Minyon, Jr.  
City Clerk