

Chapter 5. Animal Control

§ 5-8.8. Property Damage; Annoyance of Other Persons.

[1971 Code § 7-8.7; Ord. No. 2005-93 § 2]

- a. Purpose. The purpose of this subsection is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Township of Lakewood so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of all those residing within the Township. It is further the purpose of this section to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.
- b. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, by-path, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any private property, without the permission of the owner of the property.
- c. Any person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog which soils, defiles, defecates on, or commits any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, by-path, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property not owned or possessed by that person, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by the dog in a sanitary manner.
- d. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated areas shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of the dog by the use of a leak-proof container, sealed, nonabsorbent disposal bag, or in any other sanitary manner approved by the Department of Health.
- e. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.
- f. No dog owner shall suffer or permit his dog to annoy neighbors and other persons living within the immediate vicinity in the Township by interfering with the enjoyment of their property, interfering with their sleep or rest or otherwise annoying them in the enjoyment of their property in a substantial manner, by barking and howling.
- g. No dog owner shall suffer or permit his dog to trespass upon the property of other persons in the Township nor suffer or permit his dog to damage shrubbery, flowers, gardens or to soil or defile any other property of any kind or character belonging to the Township, any neighbor or other person in the Township of Lakewood.
- h. Enforcement. The provisions of this subsection shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer, Animal Warden, Police Officer or other person whose duty it shall be to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- i. Violations and Penalty. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 for each and every violation.