

BARKING DOG ORDINANCE

The Township of Lima, Washtenaw County, Michigan Ordains.

Section 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as "The Lima Township Barking Dog Ordinance".

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance:

- (1) "Owner" when applied to proprietorship of a dog shall mean every person having a right of property in the dog, and every person who keeps or harbors the dog or has it in his care, and any person who permits the dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him or any person who has reasonable control of the dog.
- (2) "Reasonable control of the dog." A dog shall be deemed to be under reasonable control when the dog is on the premises of its owner, or when the dog, not being on the premises of its owner is in the custody, possession or command of its owner, his agent or a member of his family.

Section 3. Barking Dog. It shall be unlawful for an owner to harbor or keep within the Township of Lima a dog which by loud and frequent barking, yelping, growling or other noise causes material annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to persons in their reasonable use and enjoyment of premises thereabout.

Section 4. Penalty. Anyone violating the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00, and the costs of prosecution, by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both.

Section 5. Repealer and Severability. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not effect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective date. This ordinance shall be published by inserting a true copy thereof in the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within 30 days after passage of this ordinance. This ordinance shall not take effect until 30 days after said publication.

I hereby certify the above Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lima Township Board on the sixth day of November, 1995. Ayes: Trinkle, Messman, VanRiper, Bareis, Heller. Nays:None.

Arlene F. Bareis, Lima Township Clerk

