

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
EAST BETHLEHEM REGULATING THE  
KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS AND  
PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF  
ANIMALS MAKING DISTURBING NOISES  
AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary for the promotion of the health, cleanliness, comfort and safety of the citizens of the Township of East Bethlehem to enact this Ordinance regulating the keeping of animals.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by the "First Class Township Code" the Board of Commissioners of the Township of East Bethlehem, Washington County, Pennsylvania, does hereby ENACT AND ORDAIN the following:

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BETHLEHEM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. GENERAL SCOPE. The Board of Commissioners of the Township of East Bethlehem, finding that excessive levels of sound are detrimental to the physical, mental and social well-being of the people as well as to their comfort, living conditions, general welfare and safety and being therefor a public health and welfare hazard, hereby declares it to be necessary to provide for the greater control and more effective regulation of excessive sound and sources of excessive sound within the Township.

SECTION 2. NOISE DISTURBANCE. It shall be illegal within the Township of East Bethlehem for any person or persons to own, possess, harbor, or control any animal or bird which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or makes such noise intermittently for one-half hour or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night regardless of whether the animal or bird is physically situated in or upon private property, said noise being a nuisance; provided, that at the time the animal or bird is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or bird is situated nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the animal or bird.

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining

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provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the township that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final enactment and completion of legal advertisement.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of East Bethlehem in lawful session assembled this 27th day of June, 1988.

TOWNSHIP OF EAST BETHLEHEM

BY: Frank Mazeppa  
Frank Mazeppa  
President

ATTEST:

Lillian P. Morgan  
Secretary