

**WANTAGE TOWNSHIP**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP "LICENSING OF DOGS" ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR BARKING DOGS.**

**Ordinance #2002-15**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** A new section 5-4.11 is hereby adopted as follows:

**§5-4.11. Barking or Noise Making Dogs.**

- A. No person shall allow any dog in their keeping, custody, control or ownership to bark, howl, cry or make other noises for any period longer than one half-hour between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or allow a dog on two or more occasions to make noise for intervals of more than one half-hour at any time of the day or night.
- B. Prior to a complaint being filed in municipal court against any person for violating this ordinance, the person shall receive a warning from the Township animal control officer advising of the violation of this ordinance and that if another violation occurs within a six month period, a complaint will be filed with the municipal court.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any facility owned or operated by the Township of Wantage including, but not limited to, the dog pound, shall be exempt from this ordinance.
- D. Upon conviction for violating this ordinance, a person shall be subject to the penalties as provided for in Ordinance §3-1.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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Richard H. Sytsema, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James R. Doherty, Clerk/Administrator

NOTICE is given that this ordinance amendment was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002. It will be further considered for final passage with the proposed ordinance after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee to be held in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey 07461, on May 9, 2002, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

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James R. Doherty, Clerk/Administrator