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715.01 DOGS CANNOT RUN AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog to allow or permit such dog to run at large at any time, either upon the public streets, highways or alleys within the corporate limits of the City of Franklin, Pennsylvania, or upon the property of any person or persons, other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog, unless the dog is accompanied by and under the immediate control of such owner, custodian or keeper. Whenever a dog is located within the geographic area bounded and described below, immediate control shall mean the dog shall have a leash attached to its collar or harness on the dog and the owner, custodian, or keeper shall manually hold the said leash. The leash shall be no more than six (6) feet in length and shall be made of chain, leather, or rope of sufficient strength to check or control the dog without breaking and shall have a handle or loop on the end controlled by the owner, custodian, or keeper to loop his or her hand through the loop and grasp the leash. The leash shall have an adequate snap or other device of sufficient strength and size for the dog that when it is attached to the dog's harness or collar, it will not break and bend and release the dog from the control by the leash. The geographic area within which this leash law is applicable is bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of Elk Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, thence east on Elk Street to its intersection with 12<sup>th</sup> Street, thence south and west on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with Liberty Street, thence south on Liberty Street to its intersection with 11<sup>th</sup> Street, thence back north on Liberty Street to its intersection with 12<sup>th</sup> Street, thence west on 12<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with Buffalo Street, thence north and west on Buffalo Street to its intersection with 14<sup>th</sup> Street, thence north on 14<sup>th</sup> Street to its intersection with Elk Street, which is the place of beginning. The leash law shall be applicable on both sides of each boundary street of the geographic area. (Ord.10 of 1979, Sect. (a), Passed 10-15-79; Ord. 5 of 1991, Sect. 1, Passed 6-17-91; Ord. 2 of 1994, Sect. 1, Passed 4-04-94; Ord. 9 of 2005, Sect. 1, Passed 10-03-05)

#### 715.02 BARKING

It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or dogs to permit or allow such dog or dogs to bark or whine to the annoyance of nearby residents and the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog or dogs shall immediately control or suppress the barking or whining of any such dog or dogs under their control when advised by any police officer to do so. (Ord. 2 of 1959, Sect. 3, Passed 4-6-59)

#### 715.03 DOGS MAY BE MUZZLED

It shall be the duty of the City Manager, whenever Council shall deem necessary and so direct, either by resolution or otherwise, to issue a proclamation requiring all dogs within the City of Franklin, for a period to be defined in said proclamation and not exceeding two months, to wear a good substantial muzzle, securely put on so as to prevent them from biting. Any dog running at large without a muzzle during the period so defined may be killed on sight by any officer of the City. (Ord. 547, Sect. 1, Passed 8-9-15)

#### 715.04 DOGS KILLED

All dogs killed under the provisions of Section 715.03 of this Article or found dead within the corporate limits of the City, shall be immediately removed and buried by the owner or keeper thereof, and in case such owner or keeper shall fail to remove and bury said dog, it shall be removed and buried by the proper officer of the City at the cost and expense of said owner or keeper thereof, to collect by action at law. (Ord. 547, Sect. 2, Passed 8-9-15)

#### 715.05 REMOVAL OF WASTES

It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any dog to permit the dog to defecate and allow the feces to remain upon any public or private property without the consent of the property owner or possessor.

No owner, custodian, or keeper of any dog shall appear with such dog on any sidewalk, street, park, or other public area or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said owner, custodian, or keeper without the means of removal of any fecal matter of the dog; and it shall not be a violation of this Section if said owner, custodian, or keeper immediately removes and thereafter disposes of any fecal matter in a safe and sanitary manner.

This Section shall not apply to a legally blind person who is the owner, custodian, or keeper of a guide or support dog. (Ord. 11, Sect. 1, Passed 12-05-94)

#### 715.99 PENALTIES

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before any Magisterial District Judge having jurisdiction of such offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars nor more than Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars, together with costs; and, in default of the payment of such fines and costs, shall undergo imprisonment in the jail of the County of Venango, Pennsylvania, for a period not to exceed five (5) days. (Ord. 10 of 1979, Sect. (g), Passed 10-15-79)  
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