

RESOLUTION TO CONTROL DOGS

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted by Ohio Revised Code Section 955.221, The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township does hereby adopt, effective JANUARY 14, 1991, the following Control of Dogs Resolution:

I. Confinement or restraint of dog; liability insurance:

(A) As used in this resolution, "dangerous dog" and "vicious dog" have the same meanings as in section 955.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) No owner, keeper, or harborer of any female dog shall permit it to go beyond the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer at any time the dog is in heat, unless the dog is properly in leash.

(C) No owner, keeper, or harborer of any dog shall fail at any time to keep it either physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision or secure enclosure to prevent escape, or under reasonable control of some person, except when the dog is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting, accompanied by the owner, keeper, harborer, or a handler.

(D) No owner, keeper, or harborer of a dangerous or vicious dog shall fail to do either of the following, except when the dog is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting, accompanied by the owner, keeper, harborer, or a handler:

(1) While that dog is on the premises of the owner, keeper, harborer, securely confine it all times in a locked pen which has a top, locked fenced yard, or other locked enclosure which has a top, except that a dangerous dog may, in the alternative, be tied with a leash or tether so that the dog is adequately restrained;

(2) While that dog is off the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer, keep it on a chain-link leash or tether that is not more than six feet in length and additionally do at least one of the following:

(a) Keep that dog in a locked pen which has a top, locked fenced yard, or other locked enclosure which has a top;

(b) Have the leash or tether controlled by a person who is of suitable age and discretion or securely attach, tie, or affix the leash or tether to the ground or a stationary object or fixture so that the dog is adequately restrained and station such a person in close enough proximity to that do so as to prevent it from causing injury to any person;

(c) Muzzle that dog.

(E) No owner, keeper, or harbinger of a vicious dog shall fail to obtain liability insurance with an insurer authorized to write liability insurance in this state providing coverage in each occurrence, subject to a limit, exclusive of interest and costs, of not less than fifty thousand dollars because of damage or bodily injury to or death of a person caused by the vicious dog.

*Approved by motion
J. M. Clark
1/14/91*