

Chapter 2

Animals

Part 1 Barking Dogs

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Part 1**Barking Dogs****§2-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known as the “Shrewsbury Township Dog Barking Ordinance.”
(*Ord. 2004-06, 7/7/2004, §1*)

§2-102. Definitions.

For purposes of this Part, the following words shall have the following definitions:

Day - a 24-hour period as set forth in §2-103.

Dog - any canine, whether a domestic breed or otherwise, which is in whole or in part a recognized breed of dog, whether kept for breeding, as a pet, for show, or for any other purpose, whether legal or illegal. For purposes of this Part, this term shall also include wolves, coyotes, or other wild animals classified in the canine family by the Federal or State governments or agencies.

Nuisance - the barking, howling, baying, or making of noise by dogs, which noise interferes with or deprives any person of the peace, quiet, rest, sleep or legitimate enjoyment of his or her property within the Township, and which barking has no reasonable or legitimate purpose.

Owner - every person having a right of property in a dog, and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his or her care, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him or her.

(*Ord. 2004-06, 7/7/2004, §2*)

§2-103. Violations.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Part for the owner of any dog to cause or permit a dog or dogs to bark, howl, bay or otherwise make any noise or disturbance which results in a nuisance as defined in this Part. A nuisance shall be presumed by proof of the continual barking or making of such noise for two periods, each of which is in excess of 15 minutes, and both of which periods occur within 24 hours of each other. In the event an owner has more than one dog on his or her property, it shall not be necessary in order to prove a violation of this Part that a specific dog created the nuisance. Rather, it shall be sufficient to prove that the barking which created the nuisance as defined in this Part emanated from a dog in the care or control of the owner.

(*Ord. 2004-06, 7/7/2004, §3*)

§2-104. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to

exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense (*Ord. 2004-06, 7/7/2004, §4; as amended by Ord. 2008-02, 8/6/2008*)