

TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VICIOUS DOGS


BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield as follows:

Section 1: Vicious Dogs

Any dog which has attacked any human being by biting or has caused any person to be fearful for his or her safety by chasing, worrying, snapping or otherwise frightening said person, or which has habitually attacked other dogs or animals, may be declared vicious and menacing by the local health or police authorities by written notice sent to the owner of said dog. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog which has been declared vicious by the local health or police authorities shall permit such dog to be upon a public street or highway or upon any premises other than those of the person owning such dog or those of a person who has given permission to said owner to keep or harbor such dog on his premises, unless such dog wears a muzzle securely fastened about its mouth in such a manner that it cannot bite and is on a leash, tether, chain, rope or the like, the overall length of which, including the hand grip, shall not exceed six (6) feet, held by its owner or other person able to control such dog. While on the premises of the owner, such dog shall not be allowed to come in contact with any person who is not a member of the immediate household.

Section 2: An owner of any dog found violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.


Section 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication according to law.


David P. Wright, Sr.
Mayor

Motioned by:



David P. Wright, Sr.

Seconded by:


Eugene P. Moccia

Introduced: July 21, 1997

Final Adoption: August 18, 1997

ATTEST: 
Elaine Heuser
Township Clerk