

Chapter 7: Domestic and Non-Domestic Animals

Section 1 - KEEPING OF DOGS

A. Running at Large Prohibited

At no time shall any dog be permitted to run at large off the dog owner's property within the limits of the Township of Eureka.

B. Impounding

The pound master and every police officer shall impound any dog found running at large and shall give notice of the impounding to the owner of such dog, if known.

C. Penalty

Any person allowing a dog under his control to run at large shall be responsible for any costs incurred in kennel fees, impounding, transporting, euthanizing, adoption, and/or cremation of said animal.

Section 2 – PRIVATE KENNELS

A. Dog Kennel Operator's License Required

From and after the date of enactment hereof, no private kennel as defined in Ordinance 1, Chapter 4, shall be operated or maintained within the Township of Eureka, unless the operator thereof shall first have applied for and obtained a kennel operators license. Such license shall be issued for one year. The operator of a private kennel shall pay an annual license fee as set forth in Ordinance 7. No private kennel, other than one in operation at the time of the passage of this ordinance, shall be established within five hundred (500) feet of any dwelling house, other than the dwelling occupied by the operator of the kennel, unless both the owner and lessee of said adjoining dwelling house consent in advance in writing to the establishment of said kennel.

B. Maintenance Requirements

Any private kennel licensed hereunder shall be kept and maintained at all times in a clean and sanitary condition, and dogs kept therein shall be reasonably restrained from annoying the neighborhood or general public by loud, frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling.

C. Violation

Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

Section 3 - EXOTIC ANIMALS

A. Purpose and Intent

It is the intent of the Town Board of the Township of Eureka to protect the public against the health and safety risks that exotic animals pose to the community and to protect the welfare of individual animals that are held in private possession. By their very nature, exotic animals are wild and potentially dangerous and, as such, do not adjust well to a captive environment.

B. Keeping of Exotic Animals Prohibited

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, keep, harbor, bring, or have in one's possession an exotic animal within Township limits.
2. It shall be unlawful for the owner, possessor, or any other person in control of a lot, tract, or parcel of land within the Township or any residence or business premises situated thereon to knowingly permit any other person to be in possession of an exotic animal or exotic animals upon the property, residence or premises.

C. Exceptions

The following shall be exempt from these regulations under the conditions noted:

1. Animal control officers
2. Licensed veterinary hospitals or clinics
3. Any wildlife rehabilitator licensed by the State who temporarily keeps exotic animals within the Township when the purpose is to return the animals to the wild.
4. Any person who owned, possessed, kept or harbored exotic animal(s) on or before the effective date of this Ordinance, provided that all federal, state, and local licensing and/or approval requirements are met. Any person who falls within this paragraph shall be permitted to hold, keep, harbor or maintain the number of exotic animals that person was legally permitted to hold, keep,