

**CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 5-04

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING BARKING AND OTHER EXCESSIVE
NOISE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF DOGS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Cross Creek Township finds that excessive levels of noise caused by the barking or howling of dogs is detrimental to the general health, safety and welfare of its residents and hereby makes this Ordinance providing for the regulation of excessive noise caused thereby within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. It shall be illegal within Cross Creek Township for any person or persons to own, possess, harbor or control any dog which barks or howls continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or makes such noise intermittently for one-half hour or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night regardless of whether the animal is physically situated in or upon private property, said noise being a nuisance; provided that at the time the dog is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the dog is situated nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the dog.

2. Any person or other legal entity who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall first be given verbal warning by the Code Enforcement Officer. Following verbal warning, upon further complaint to the Township and investigation thereof, the Code Enforcement Officer shall give written warning to the owner or possessor of the offending dog. If, after verbal and written warning, further investigation determines that violation continues, an action shall be brought before

the district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, and upon conviction of this ordinance, the owner or possessor of the offending dog shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) plus costs and in the event of default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (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.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, this 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2004.

ATTEST:

CROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Rachel Warner Blosser, Secretary

By
Dean F. Casciola, Chairman

By
Tim Paris, Supervisor

By
John Rush, Supervisor