LENAWEE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
AS ADOPTED BY THE LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON
May 9, 2018 AND FURTHER ADMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the County of Lenawee in the State of Michigan adopted Ordinance No. 4, Animal Control Ordinance on May 12, 1976, and,


WHEREAS, The Board finds that it is necessary to establish and implement a program for the licensing and regulation of dogs and other animals and facilities which house them, that animals require legal protection, and that property rights of owners and non-owners of animals should be protected, and

WHEREAS, An Ordinance relating to and expanding the provisions for animal control within the boundaries of Lenawee County is deemed advisable in the interest of protecting the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and to regulate the control and conduct, keeping and care of dogs and certain other animals, livestock and poultry, and

WHEREAS, An Ordinance will support the position of Animal Control Officer and define their duties, authority and responsibilities, and to provide for the orderly and uniform administration of the dog licensing provisions of the State of Michigan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the said Ordinance adopted May 12, 1976 and October 12, 1976 to be rescinded, and,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Ordinance No. 4, third amendment, “Lenawee County Animal Control Ordinance” be adopted as follows:
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ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE


ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings respectively designated for each:

1. Abandoned – When an animal has a lack of adequate care – sufficient food, water, shelter, and medical attention or has been neglected by the owner or agent; to leave any animal in or upon any sidewalks, street, alley, road, public right-of-way, park, or other property, or in or upon the property of another person.

2. Adequate Care – The provision of sufficient food, water, shelter, reasonable comfort and medical attention to maintain an animal in a state of good health.

3. Adoption - Take an animal into one’s home or property and to accept responsibility for the animal’s well-being, through means of a legal and binding contract.

4. Agent in Control - That person(s) having temporary custody and/or responsibility of said animal.

5. Aggressive - Hostile, injurious or destructive behavior.

6. Animal - Any vertebrate other than human beings.

7. Animal at Large - Unrestrained, wandering or roaming of any animal on a public walkway, roadway, highway or on property not owned or leased by its owner (including motorized vehicles). Also includes animals on their owner’s property not under direct physical control or sight of a responsible person.

8. Animal Control Officer - Any person or Deputy employed by the County, under the direction of the Sheriff, to act as the Animal Control Officer for the purpose of enforcing this Ordinance or State statutes pertaining to domestic animals, dangerous domestic animals, and protection of the people and domestic animals in Lenawee. The Officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with appropriate legislation.

9. Approved Vaccine - Veterinary biological that is administered to an animal to induce immunity in the recipient and that is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the State Veterinarian for use in this state pursuant to the Animal Industry Act; Public Act 466 of 1988, (MCL 287.701 - 287.745).

10. Attack - Intent to cause injury or otherwise forcefully endanger the safety of people or other animals.

11. Board – To provide lodging and regular meals for remuneration or adoption.

12. Board of Commissioners - The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners.
13. **Cat** - An animal of any age of the species Felis Catus.
14. **County** - County of Lenawee, State of Michigan.
15. **Dangerous** - Able or likely to inflict injury.
16. **Day** - Any day the Lenawee County government offices are scheduled to conduct business. It shall not include any Saturday, Sunday or holiday designated by the Board of Commissioners.
17. **Direct Control** - Situation in which a person, whether by voice command, or physical tether, can immediately affect or alter the actions of an animal so as to ensure that the animal does not trespass or otherwise violate this Ordinance.
18. **Disposition** – To dispose of or to transfer to the care or possession of another.
19. **Dog** - An animal of any age solely of the species Canis Familiaris or Canis Lupus Familiaris.
20. **Domestic Animals** - Those animals that have traditionally, through a long association with humans, lived in a state of dependence upon humans or under the dominion and control of humans and which have been kept as tame pets, raised as livestock, or used for commercial breeding purposes.
21. **Euthanasia** - Humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method not prohibited by law that produces rapid unconsciousness and subsequent death without evidence of pain or distress, or a method that utilizes anesthesia produced by an approved agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death.
22. **Exhibition of Fighting** - Public or private display of combat between two or more animals in which the fighting, killing, maiming or injury of animals is a significant feature. It does not include demonstrations of the hunting or tracking skill of an animal or their lawful use for hunting, tracking, or self-protection.
23. **Farm** - Land, plants, animals, buildings, structures, including ponds used for agricultural or aqua cultural activities, machinery, equipment and other accessories used in the commercial production of farm products.
24. **Farm Dog** - Dog or dogs owned and used for aiding a person engaged in a farm operation that remains on the property used for the farm operation.
25. **Farm Operation** - Operation and management of a farm or a condition or activity that occurs at any time as necessary on a farm in connection with the commercial production, harvesting, and storage of farm products.
26. **Farm Product** - Those plants and animals useful to human beings, produced by agriculture and includes, but is not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains, and feed crops, field crops, dairy and dairy products, poultry and poultry products, cervidae (deer), livestock, including breeding and grazing, equine, fish, and other aqua cultural products, bees and bee products, berries, herbs, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock, trees and tree products, mushrooms, and other similar products, or any other product which incorporates the use of food, feed, fiber, or fur, as determined by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture.
27. **Groom** - To clean or care for.
28. **Guard Dog** - A dog that has been trained and has obtained a certification of training in
protection of property or people, but shall not apply to a dog owned by a law enforcement agency or certified law enforcement officer that has been trained as a K-9 to assist in a law enforcement agency investigation or demonstration, or search for missing persons.

29. **Harbor** - To feed or shelter an animal(s) for three (3) or more consecutive calendar days.

30. **Hunting** - Allowing a dog to range freely within sight or sound of its owner while in the course of hunting legal game for food or sport.

31. **Impoundment** – Considered the time from which the Animal Control Officer takes physical custody of an animal.

32. **Kennel** - Any facility, including all structures, pens and enclosures housing dogs, except a duly licensed pet shop, where three (3) or more dogs are kept for breeding, sale, sporting, boarding or training purposes, for remuneration.

33. **Large Carnivore** - Any of the following:
   
   A. Including a hybrid cross with such a cat:
      i. A lion
      ii. A leopard, including, but not limited to, a snow leopard or clouded leopard
      iii. A jaguar
      iv. A tiger
      v. A cougar
      vi. A panther
      vii. A cheetah
      viii. A lynx
      ix. A bobcat
      x. A serval
   
   B. A bear of a species that is native or nonnative to this state, whether wild or captive bred.

34. **Law Enforcement Officer** - Any person employed or elected by the People of the State, or by any municipality, county, or township, whose duty it is to preserve peace or to make arrests or to enforce the law, and includes conservation officers.

35. **Livestock** – Farm animals used for human food and fiber or animals used for service to human beings. Livestock includes, but is not limited to: horses, poultry, rabbits, stallions, colts, geldings, mares, sheep, rams, lambs, bulls, bullocks, steers, heifers, cows, calves, bison, mules, jacks, jennets, burros, goats, kids and swine, llamas, and fur-bearing animals being raised in captivity. Livestock does not include animals that are human companions, such as dogs and cats.

36. **Mutilate** - To destroy or disfigure a body part.

37. **Muzzle** - Device that when fitted upon an animal prevents it from biting any person or animal and which is made in a manner that will not cause injury to the animal or interfere with its vision or respiration.

38. **Neglect** - To fail to sufficiently and properly care for an animal to the extent that the animal’s health is jeopardized.

39. “**Official Interstate Health Certificate**” or “**Official Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**” - Printed form that records the information required by State Law and is issued within thirty (30) days before importation of the animal it describes.
40. **Owner** – Person, when applied to the proprietorship of an animal means having a right of property ownership in an animal who keeps or harbors the animal or has the animal in their care or custody or control, or who permits the animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by the person. This shall include the agent in control and owner’s agent. An owner does not mean a person who harbors an animal in the course of conducting a boarding, grooming, or training business, or a veterinary hospital, or a person who harbors an animal in violation of Dog Identification Program: Public Act 309 of 1939, MCL 287.301 - 287.308.

41. **Owner’s Agent** – Individual(s) authorized in writing by the owner or lessee of an animal to intervene on behalf of the owner or lessee to protect the animal, except in cases where the animal is in imminent danger of harm, in which case no written authorization is required.

42. **Person** - An adult individual, partnership, corporation, cooperative, association, joint venture, or other legal entity.

43. **Pet** - Any animal kept for pleasure rather than utility.

44. **Poultry** - All domestic fowl, ornamental birds, and game birds possessed or being reared under authority of a breeder’s license pursuant to Part 427 Breeders and Dealers of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act: Public Act 451 of 1994, (MCL 324.42701 - 324.42714).

45. **Property Owner** - Means both the owner of title of record and those occupying or in possession of such property or premise subject to applicable laws.

46. **Provoke** - To perform a willful act or omission that an ordinary and reasonable person would conclude is likely to precipitate the bite or attack of an ordinary dog or animal.

47. **Quarantine** - State of enforced isolation. To detain in or exclude by quarantine, to isolate from normal relations or communication. An animal that has bitten or scratched shall be kept in the owner’s home or a secure structure that would not allow any other person or animal to come in contact with, except family members. Animals may be quarantined at a veterinarian’s office or the Animal Shelter.

48. **Rabies** – An often fatal viral disease that affects the central nervous systems of most warm-blooded animals and is transmitted in the saliva of an infected animal. It causes convulsions, inability to move, and untypical behavior.

49. **Rabies Suspect Animal** - Any animal, which has been determined by the Michigan Department of Community Health to be a potential rabies carrier and which has bitten or scratched a human, or any animal which has been in contact with or bitten by another animal which is a potential rabies carrier, or any animal which shows symptoms of rabies.

50. **Sanitary Conditions** - Space free from health hazards including excessive animal waste, overcrowding of animals, or other conditions that endanger the animal’s health. This does not include a condition resulting from a customary and reasonable practice pursuant to farming and animal husbandry.

51. **Secure Structure** - A four (4) sided structure with a securely enclosed top. The sides must be at least six (6) feet high, with a concrete or buried fence floor. The door must be locked at all times.

52. **Serious Injury** - Permanent, serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health, or serious
impairment of a bodily function of a person.

53. **Service Dog** - Any dog which is trained or being trained to aid a person who is blind, deaf or disabled pursuant to MCL 287.291;

54. **Shelter** – A structure that provides adequate protection from the elements, suitable for the age and species of the animal to maintain the animal in a state of good health, including structures or natural features such as trees and topography. Shelter is not required for livestock if there is a natural wind break such as a grove of trees.
   A. Dogs shall have a waterproof four (4) sided structure, of appropriate size with a roof and floor.
   B. Livestock shall have a sound, three (3) sided, roofed structure of appropriate size or wind break providing equivalent protection.

55. **State** - The State of Michigan.

56. **State of Good Health** - Free from disease and illness and in a condition of proper body weight and temperature for the age and species of the animal, unless the animal is undergoing appropriate treatment.

57. **Sterilized** - An animal which has, by virtue of a surgically performed castration or ovarioryhysterectomy or other recognized veterinary procedure, been rendered incapable of sexual reproduction.

59. **Threaten** - To give sign or warning of danger.

60. **Titer** – The strength of a solution or the concentration of a substance (as an antibody) in solution as determined by titration.

61. **Torment** - To cause, by an act or omission, unjustifiable pain, suffering, or distress to an animal, or cause mental and emotional anguish in the animal as evidenced by its altered behavior for a purpose such as sadistic pleasure, coercion, or punishment that an ordinary and/or reasonable person would conclude is likely to precipitate a bite or attack.

62. **Treasurer** - The Treasurer of the County of Lenawee.

63. **Veterinarian** - Person licensed to practice veterinary medicine as required in or under the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.18811 and such other applicable State or Federal Law.

64. **Vicious** - Dangerously aggressive.

65. **Water** - Sufficient drinkable water that is suitable for the age and species of the animal and made regularly available unless otherwise directed by a licensed veterinarian.

66. **Wolf** - An animal of the species Canis Rufus or Canis Lupus, but does not include an animal of the species Canis Lupus Familiaris (regular dog species).

67. **Wolf-Dog Cross** - Canid resulting from the breeding of any of the following:
   A. A wolf with a dog
   B. A wolf-dog cross with a wolf
   C. A wolf-dog cross with a dog
   D. A wolf-dog cross with a wolf-dog cross
ARTICLE 3: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DUTIES - AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 3.1 The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners has assigned the Animal Control Division to the Sheriff Department, and has named the Sheriff as the Chief Animal Control Officer. The Sheriff shall manage Animal Control as necessary and in accordance with County budgetary and personnel policies.

Section 3.2 The duties and obligations herein and imposed upon the respective designated officials may be delegated, by each of said officials, to their deputies with like force and effect.

Section 3.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer and Deputies to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and State Statutes as amended.

Section 3.4 Animal Control Officers shall be empowered to enforce this Ordinance pertaining to control, regulation, and protection of dogs and other animals, including, but not limited to issuance of tickets, citations, or summonses to persons in violation of this Ordinance and/or State Statutes, and may make a complaint in regard to such violation to the appropriate judicial or administrative authorities. Animal Control Officers and Deputies shall act reasonably and with the exercise of judgment in the enforcement of the State Statutes and Laws and County Ordinance in reference to animals.

Section 3.5 The Animal Control Officer and Deputies shall bear satisfactory identification reflecting the authority under which they act when enforcing this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws. Their identification will be shown to any person requesting it.

Section 3.6 The duties of the Animal Control Officer and Deputies, in addition to those stated elsewhere in this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, shall include the following:

1. Take up and place in the appropriate, approved Animal Shelter all dogs or other animals, livestock or poultry found running at large or being kept or harbored any place within the County contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance or State Statutes or Laws. In the event the Animal Shelter’s facilities are inadequate for holding the type of animals seized, such as livestock and poultry, pursuant to this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, such animals shall be placed in such alternative facilities as authorized by the Sheriff and as permitted by the State Statutes and Laws.

2. Seize or impound, or require its owner to quarantine, all domestic animals which are rabies suspects, for examination for disease in accordance with Article 8 (Quarantine of an Animal) of this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws.

3. In accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, to enter upon private premises except a building designated for and used for residential purpose, for the purpose of inspecting same to determine the harboring, keeping or possessing of any dog(s) or other animal(s) and whether the owners of said animals have complied with the appropriate provisions of this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws.
4. To either seize and take with them any animals or allow sufficient time to permit the vaccination and licensing of dogs for whom no license had been procured in accordance with this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws or for any other violation hereof.

5. Investigate complaints of dogs or other animals alleged to be dangerous to persons or property and take such actions as authorized by this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, including seizing, taking up, and impounding such animals.

6. Investigate complaints of cruelty to dogs or other animals, livestock or poultry and to take such actions as authorized by this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, including seizing, taking up and impounding any dog or other animal, livestock or poultry which has been subject to such cruelty.

7. The provisions of this subsection shall specifically include, but not be limited to the investigation of or seizure for cruelty to animals.

8. The Animal Control Officer shall also perform, by this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws regarding issuance, transfer and replacement of kennel licenses and tags.

9. While authorized by the Treasurer to perform such duties, the Animal Control Officer shall ensure that a copy of all licenses be turned over to the Treasurer with copies of said licenses retained at the Sheriff’s Office.

10. All fees and monies collected by the Animal Control Officer as herein provided, shall be accounted for and turned over to the Treasurer on or before the first of each and every month, or more often, if reasonably necessary under the standard practices of the Treasurer’s accounting system.

11. Carry and issue violation citations to persons violating the terms of this Ordinance or the State Statutes and Laws enforced under this ordinance.

12. Perform such other duties relating to the enforcement of this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, as the Chief Animal Control Officer may, from time to time, assign to the Animal Control Officer and Deputies.

**ARTICLE 4: IMPOUNDMENT, RELEASE, AND DISPOSAL**

**Section 4.1** An Animal Control Officer may impound and hold at a shelter any animal when it is the subject of a violation of this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws when it:
- requires protective custody and care because of mistreatment or neglect by its owner,
- when an animal is abandoned, or
- when otherwise ordered impounded by a court.

**Section 4.2** An animal shall be considered impounded from the time an Animal Control Officer takes physical custody of the animal.

**Section 4.3** Impoundment is subject to the following holding periods and notice requirements:
1. An animal having a license, rabies tag, chip or other evidence of ownership or whose ownership is otherwise known by Animal Control shall be held for a minimum of seven (7) business days after its impoundment, not including the day of impoundment. The Animal Control Officer shall, within two (2) business days of impoundment, make reasonable
efforts to contact the owner in person or by telephone. If unable to contact the owner within that two (2) business day period, the Animal Control Officer shall send a written notice of impoundment by mail. This notice shall advise the owner of the impoundment, the date by which redemption must be made and that there will be fees payable to Lenawee County prior to redemption/release. The Animal Control Office shall maintain a record on each identifiable animal acquired indicating a basic description of the animal, the date it was acquired, and under what circumstances. The record shall also indicate the date the owner was contacted or the date the notice was sent by mail with the notice of impoundment of the animal and subsequent disposition of the animal.

2. An animal whose ownership is not determinable shall be held a minimum of four (4) business days after its impoundment.

3. Animals held for periods prescribed under this section and not redeemed by their owner shall be subject to disposition.

Section 4.4 Disposition of animals shall be made as follows:

1. Redemption - Any animal impounded shall be released to its owner or the owner’s authorized agent (with written permission) if redeemed:
   A. Within the period set forth in this section,
   B. Payment of fees for impoundment and care, including actual cost of veterinary care, if any, while held in the Animal Shelter.
   C. The owner is in compliance with provisions of the Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, including licensing and vaccination requirements. If not licensed or vaccinated, an animal reclaim form must be completed. Proof of licensing and vaccination shall be provided to the Sheriff Department within ten (10) days.

2. Adoption - Any animal held for the prescribed period and not redeemed by its owner, and which is neither a potentially dangerous animal to humans nor other animals, or in a dangerous condition of health, may be released for adoption.
   A. A dog may be released for adoption subject to the following conditions:
      i. If the dog has not been recovered by its owner and the required holding period has expired.
      ii. The owner of the dog has signed its ownership rights over to Animal Control.
      iii. The adoptive owner shall pay the applicable adoption fee.
      iv. In the case of a dog that is capable of sexual reproduction, the adoptive owner shall pay a surgical prepayment deposit to the Animal Shelter which shall be refundable from the Animal Shelter upon furnishing written certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal has been sterilized by spaying or neutering, or otherwise Pet Shops, Dog Pounds, and Animal Shelters: Regulation 151.
      v. The adoptive owner shall sign a written agreement to sterilize an adopted dog within thirty (30) days of adoption or upon the animal’s attaining six (6) months of age, whichever event occurs last. Failure to comply with the agreement shall result in a forfeiture of the amount deposited under paragraph iii of this section, and the Shelter Manager may require return of the adopted dog to the Animal Shelter.
   B. The Animal Control Officer or Deputy may decline to release an animal for redemption or adoption under any of the following circumstances:
i. The owner or prospective adoptive owner has been convicted of the crime of cruelty to animals within the previous five (5) years.
ii. The owner or prospective adoptive owner has inadequate or inappropriate facilities for keeping the animal and providing proper care.
iii. The existence of other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer or Deputy, would endanger the health, safety or welfare of people or animals.

3. **Euthanasia** - Any animal held for the periods prescribed under this section without redemption or adoption may be disposed of by euthanasia, except that livestock and poultry may be sold in accordance with Public Act 328 of 1976; MCL 433.16.

4. **Sick or injured** - Provisions of this section regarding holding periods do not apply to any animal which is sick or injured to the extent that the holding period would cause the animal undue suffering, or to any animal voluntarily delivered to the Animal Control Officer, or if the animal is dangerous in the judgment of the Animal Control Officer or Deputy. Such animals may be disposed of by euthanasia at any time.

5. **Disposal** - Animals may be disposed of in accordance with State Laws.

**ARTICLE 5: DOG LICENSING**

**Section 5.1** It is required that any dog shall be licensed upon attaining the age of four (4) months, within thirty (30) calendar days of acquisition by the owner, or within (30) days of the owner becoming a resident of Michigan, whichever occurs later.

**Section 5.2 On or before the last day of February of each year,** the owner of any dog four (4) months old or older shall apply to the County, Township, City Treasurer or their authorized agent, where the owner resides, in writing for a license for each dog owned or kept by him/her.

Such application shall:

1. State the breed, sex, and age of such dog.
2. The current owner’s name and address.
3. Be accompanied by proof of a valid certificate of vaccination for rabies with a vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, signed by an accredited veterinarian.
4. Include the required license fee.

**Section 5.3** Licenses shall be valid until the expiration date listed on the license application. A new county resident with a valid license may provide proper documentation to the County Treasurer’s Office and receive a Lenawee County license at no additional charge.

**Section 5.4** The owner shall provide every licensed dog with a substantial collar, to which a current license tag approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, shall be securely attached and displayed on the animal at all times, except when the dog is engaged in lawful hunting and is accompanied by its owner, or a working dog actively engaged in activities for which they are
Section 5.5 The license and license tag are assigned to the dog and are not transferable to another dog. The license and license tag shall remain with the dog upon transfer to another owner for the life of the license within Lenawee County, providing that the last registered owner and the new owner shall notify the Treasurer, in writing, of the change in ownership so that it may note such transfer upon the records. This Ordinance does not require the procurement of a new license, or the transfer of a license already secured, where the possession of a dog is temporarily transferred or imported into Lenawee County, for a time period not to exceed thirty (30) days, for the purpose of boarding, hunting game, breeding, training, trial or show, in the State of Michigan.

Section 5.6 A dog displaying a license tag from another Michigan County shall not require licensing in Lenawee County until expiration of the current license, provided that the dog remains in the possession of the owner to whom the license was issued. The license may be brought to the Treasurer’s Office and a new one will be issued.

Section 5.7 If the Lenawee County dog license tag is lost, the first shall be replaced without charge by the Lenawee County Treasurer’s Office upon application by the owner of the dog, and upon production of such license and a sworn statement of the facts regarding the loss of such tag. The owner or agent will need to bring proof of the original license tag. The second and additional replacements will be charged the regular fee.

Section 5.8 Fees shall be waived for licenses issued for any guide dog, leader dog, law enforcement dog (K-9), or service dog pursuant so MCL 287.291 Any person claiming that a dog is a guide dog, or service dog, has the burden of proving such a claim by the preponderance of the evidence. A waiver shall apply to all subsequent licenses issued to that dog so long as it remains the property of the claimant.

Section 5.9 A penalty equal to twice the applicable license fee shall be assessed to any person who fails to apply for an initial license or a renewal license within times specified by the Board of Commissioners. For license renewals by mail, the postmark must be no later than the last day of February, exceptions being noted in Section 5.1 and 5.5.

Section 5.10 No dog shall be exempt from the rabies vaccination requirements set forth in this Ordinance, unless there is a valid medical reason supplied in writing by a licensed veterinarian. A titer test must be performed on the exempt dog that proves the dog’s titer is sufficient to adequately protect against the rabies virus. The veterinarian performing the titer test must put into writing the results of the test, which will be accompanied by a copy of the titer test results.

The titer test must be done each year on the exempt dog before a current license will be issued.
If the exempt dogs’ titer is not sufficient to protect the dog from the rabies virus the dog will be required to have a rabies vaccination or be euthanized. The owner of the dog will pay all costs incurred.

Section 5.11 A Schedule of Fees for all dogs, male or female, sexed or unsexed, and for kennels are to be set by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners as authorized by State Statutes and Laws and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners every five (5) years or sooner if so requested by the Chief Animal Control Officer. Standard fees will apply if said license for a dog is obtained from December 1 until the last day of the following February of each year, and for kennels by June 1.

Section 5.12 Any dog not licensed or wearing a current license may be seized by an Animal Control Officer and held at an Animal Shelter, exceptions being noted in Sections 5.1 and 5.4. Upon termination of dogs’ and other animals’ statutory holding periods, dogs and other animals become the property of the Animal Control for purposes of disposal of the dogs and other animals placed for holding at the Shelter.

ARTICLE 6: KENNEL LICENSING

Section 6.1 Any person who, within the boundaries of Lenawee County, owns, keeps or operates a facility wherein/whereon, for a fee, dogs are kept for breeding, sale, sporting, boarding, or training purposes, may, in lieu of individual licenses required for dogs under this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws of the State of Michigan apply to the Animal Control Office for a kennel license entitling that person to own, keep or operate such kennel in accordance with applicable Laws of the State. Pets must be licensed individually and will not be covered under the kennel license.

Section 6.2 In order to obtain a kennel license, any person who owns, keeps or operates a kennel at any single location within the boundaries of Lenawee County except in cities, villages, or townships with their own animal control agency, shall:

1. Apply for a new kennel license within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the start of such operation to allow time for the Animal Control Officer to inspect the premises and to make any recommendations (using the Department of Agriculture requirements as a guide), or

2. A person which has been previously issued a kennel license shall apply for a new kennel license at least 30 days prior to June 1 of each year to the Animal Control Office, which shall issue such license providing the kennel is in compliance with Dog Law: Public Act 339 of 1919, (MCL Sections 287.270 and 287.271), Michigan Regulation 129: Governing Dog Kennels, the Department of Agriculture requirements, and with any applicable ordinance of the city, village, or township in which it is located. The Animal Control Officer will not issue a kennel license to any person who has been denied a kennel license by the city, village, or township where they reside.
Section 6.3 Failure to apply for a kennel license within the prescribed time limits will result in a doubling of the applicable fee.

Section 6.4 The Animal Control Officer shall have the right to inspect any kennel at any time in the County of Lenawee in order to determine whether said kennel is in compliance with this Ordinance and the State Statute and Laws. The kennel subject to inspection shall consist of any structures, pens or enclosures on the property covered by said license which houses dogs covered by said license. The Animal Control Officer shall suspend the license if, in the Officer’s opinion, conditions exist which are unhealthy or inhumane or not in compliance with this Ordinance, Dog Law: Public Act 339 of 1919, (MCL 287.270), Michigan Regulation 129: Governing Dog Kennels, and the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, pending correction of such conditions, and further shall have the duty to revoke said license if such conditions are not corrected within a designated reasonable time. There is no refund of the kennel license fee if it revoked for any reason.

Section 6.5 All licensed kennels shall be required to have double fencing. The fencing on the outer perimeter shall be constructed in such a manner as to prevent stray animals and people from making direct contact with animals in the facility. Exceptions to the above would be:
1. A single, solid fence such as a solid privacy fence and/or
2. Animals kept inside a building or solid structure.

Section 6.6 Any dog kennel which under Michigan State Law is to be covered by a license shall be of such construction as will adequately and comfortably house any dogs kept therein during any season of the year. The buildings, including walls and floor, shall be of such construction as to be readily cleaned. Kennels and yards used to confine kennel dogs shall be kept clean and free from accumulation of filth and debris.

Section 6.7 All dogs kept or maintained in connection with such kennels shall be furnished with a clean, fresh water supply and adequate and proper food to maintain such animals in a state of good health.

Section 6.8 Any kennel dog four (4) months old or older must have a current rabies vaccination as evidenced by a valid certificate of vaccination for rabies with a vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, signed by an accredited veterinarian on file with the facility. Any dog kept in a kennel shall wear a collar with a securely attached valid current dog or kennel license tag at all times. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be a violation of this Ordinance and subject to penalties.

Section 6.9 The fee to be paid for a kennel license shall be set by the Board of Commissioners in the Schedule of Fees. A fee of double the original license fee shall be charged for each previously licensed kennel whose kennel license is applied for after June 1 (Michigan Regulation 129: Governing Dog Kennels). Kennel owners are subject to a re-inspection fee set
by the Board of Commissioners if in non-compliance.

**Section 6.10** Upon change in property ownership of a kennel the existing license is terminated. The new owner must make application for a new kennel license. The existing kennel license on the property is not transferrable.

**Section 6.11** No person convicted of cruelty to animals or animal torture shall be issued a kennel license to operate a commercial establishment. Further, no kennel shall employ anyone convicted of cruelty to animals or animal torture.

**ARTICLE 7: PROHIBITIONS AND REGULATED CONDUCT**

**Section 7.1 Animal Control:** It shall be a violation of this Ordinance:

1. To hinder, delay, interfere with, threaten, obstruct, or directly or indirectly aid, council, assist, or advise another to hinder, delay, interfere with, threaten, or obstruct, or to issue a false report to an Animal Control Officer while such officer is engaged in capturing or securing a dog or other animal found to be in violation of this Ordinance or state law or while taking into custody, and/or maintaining in custody, any stray dog or other animal subject to impoundment pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance or state law, or to open any vehicle or other place of confinement, which may result in the release of any such impounded animal.

2. To fail to comply with the requirements of this ordinance or Federal or State Statutes applicable to keeping of an animal or a facility where animals are kept.

**Section 7.2 Animal General:** It shall be a violation of this Ordinance:

1. Care and Treatment:
   A. For an animal to be within or on a motor vehicle at any location under such conditions as may endanger the health or well-being of the animal, including, but not limited to dangerous temperatures, lack of food, water or proper care.
   B. To abandon any animal.
   C. To torture, mutilate, maim, beat, or disfigure an animal.
   D. To kill any animal without just cause.
   E. To fail to provide adequate grooming when the animal is in pain or distress, including but not limited to the following:
      i. Unable to lift head
      ii. Unable to urinate or defecate
      iii. Crying out in pain
      iv. Unable to rise or walk
      v. Fail to keep the eyes or ears free from infection or matted in such a way that it interferes with the animal’s sight or hearing
   F. It is unlawful for any owner or agent in control to fail to provide medical care when an animal is in pain or distress, including but not limited to the following:
      i. In a state of emaciation
      ii. Unable to rise and walk
iii. Unable to urinate or defecate
iv. Crying out in pain
v. Unable to eat or drink
vi. Suffering from unattended broken bones, wounds, burns or contusions
vii. Painful or difficult breathing
viii. Passing blood in urine, feces and/or vomit
ix. Presence of maggots or infested with other parasites
x. Severe skin disease

G. To physically mistreat any animal by deliberate abuse, or neglect to furnish adequate care or shelter, including veterinary attention, or by leaving the animal unattended for more than twenty four (24) hours without adequate care.

H. It is unlawful to intentionally run down or otherwise abuse, harass or worry any animal with any vehicle including, but not limited to a bicycle or motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, motorbike, or an all-terrain vehicle, or a boat or watercraft.

2. Confinement:
   A. To tie, tether, or chain an animal in a manner that restricts the animal from breathing freely.
   B. For an animal to be caged or chained in such a manner as to allow it to become tangled, injured, or to suffer undue stress.
   C. To restrain an animal so that the weight of the animal’s tie does not allow the animal to comfortably raise his/her head or move.
   D. To chain a dog on a chain that is not a minimum of three (3) times the length of the dog from the tip of the dog’s nose to the base of its tail.

3. Shelter:
   A. To fail to provide adequate shelter any time an animal is confined in such a manner that it is unable to seek shelter no matter the length of time the animal is out in the weather.
   B. To confine an animal in such a fashion that the animal does not have a dry area to rest.
   C. To fail to provide dry bedding (ie: straw, wood chips, etc.) when outside temperatures are at freezing or below.
   D. To fail to keep an animal’s area in good sanitary condition.
   E. To fail to keep an animal in a prescribed secure structure as required by Court Order or by this Ordinance.

4. Food:
   A. To fail to provide sufficient and suitable water and food that would cause the animal to suffer thirst or hunger.
   B. To knowingly place food or item of any description containing poisonous or other injurious ingredients in any area reasonably likely to be accessible to any animal except rodents.

5. Dog Collar and License
   A. To fail to keep a collar on a dog with an approved dog license affixed to the collar, unless the dog is engaged in legal hunting or working.
   B. To remove a collar or tag from any dog or other animal without the permission of its owner.
6. For a dog in heat (estrus) to be accessible to a male dog except for intentional breeding purposes.

7. For a dog not accompanied by its owner or owner’s authorized agent to come closer than three (3) feet from a public walkway, roadway, highway, or adjoining property, except when the dog is in an area that is completely fenced in.

8. To decoy or entice any dog or animal out of an enclosure or off the property of its owner, or seize, molest or tease any dog or animal while held or led by any person, or while on the property of its owner.

9. No person shall steal, or confine and secret, any dog licensed under this ordinance or kept under a kennel license, unless legally authorized to do so, or unless such confining is justifiable in the protection of a person, property, or game.


11. A person shall not knowingly do any of the following (MI Penal Code: Act 328 of 1931, Section 750.49)
   A. Own, posses, use, buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, import, or export an animal for fighting or exhibition of fighting, or baiting, or as a target to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship.
   B. Be a party to or cause the fighting, baiting, or shooting of an animal as described in subdivision (A).
   C. Rent or otherwise obtain the use of a building, shed, room, yard, ground, or premises for fighting or exhibition of fighting, baiting, or shooting an animal as described in subdivision (A).
   D. Permit the use of a building, shed, room, yard, ground, or premises belonging to him or her or under his or her control for any of the purposes described in this section.
   E. Organize, promote, or collect money for the fighting or exhibition of fighting, baiting, or shooting of an animal as described in subdivisions (A) to (D).
   F. Be present at a building, shed, room, yard, ground, or premises where preparations are being made for an exhibition described in subdivisions (A) to (D).
   G. Own, possess, use, buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, transport, or deliver any device or equipment intended for use in the fighting or exhibition of fighting, baiting, or shooting of an animal as described in subdivisions (A) to (D).

Section 7.3 Animal Rides: In the event animals are used to give rides (Equine Activity Liability: Act: PA 351 of 1994), the following standards must be met and followed:

1. If the animal is not shod, it must be provided with footing (i.e.: grass, hay, wood shavings or dirt).

2. Twenty-minute breaks shall be given every two (2) hours or less as needed, with water and shade provided.

3. No animal shall be used if it appears to be lame or in distress.

Section 7.4 Guard Dogs: It shall be a violation of this Ordinance:

1. To keep or harbor a guard dog upon any premises unless the guard dog is within an enclosed building or enclosed area and with a sign being posted upon the premises and
prominently displayed and clearly visible to the public, containing the words “WARNING-GUARD DOG”.

2. To permit a guard dog to be outside of an enclosed building or fenced area unless such guard dog is upon a leash not longer than six (6) feet in length.

Section 7.5 Reporting of found animals
1. Any person who finds and harbors an animal without knowing the identity of its owner shall notify the Animal Control and furnish a description of the animal within two (2) business days of finding the animal.

2. The finder shall surrender the animal to an Animal Control Officer within two (2) business days after such person comes into possession of said animal.

3. If the owner of the animal has not claimed it within seven (7) business days after the animal was reported found to the Animal Control, and if the animal was of domestic type, the finder may adopt the animal in accordance with applicable laws.

Section 7.6 Dead Animals: (Failure to Bury: PA 239 of 1982) A person who places a dead animal or part of the carcass of a dead animal into a lake, river, creek, pond, road, street, alley, lane, lot, field, meadow, or common area, or in any place within one (1) mile of the residence of a person, except the same and every part of the carcass is buried at least two (2) feet underground, and the property owner or owners thereof who knowingly permits the carcass or part of a carcass to remain in any of those places, to the injury of the health, or to the annoyance of another is guilty of a misdemeanor.

ARTICLE 8: QUARANTINE OF AN ANIMAL

Section 8.1 Any animal that bites a person shall be reported to the health department within 24 hours of the bite. The owner of such animal must keep, maintain and confine or dispose of the animal as required by guidance from the Lenawee County Health Department. In the event that the animal owner is unable to or fails to comply with any of the prescribed procedures, the Animal Control Officer shall take possession and custody of the animal and follow the prescribed procedure. The owner of such animal shall bear the costs thereof.

Section 8.2 It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any animal to leave the confines of any officially prescribed quarantine area, or put outside unattended while under an officially prescribed quarantine.

Section 8.3 It shall be a violation of this ordinance to fail to make an animal available to the Animal Control Officer or Veterinarian after quarantine for inspection. At the end of the required quarantine period, the animal must be made available to the Animal Control Officer or to a licensed veterinarian to be inspected for visible health (i.e.: clear eyes, nose, general body condition), vaccinations, and current license if any required. All costs shall be borne by the owner if known.
Section 8.4 An owner may redeem a dog or animal from the Animal Shelter or Quarantined Location, with permission by the Animal Control Officer, by executing a statement of ownership (reclaim form), or a license and tag as required by this Ordinance and State Statutes and Laws, and paying required fees posted at the Animal Shelter or Quarantined Location and other expenses (such as medical treatment) incurred. If the dog does not have a license and tag, they must be purchased by the owner and said license and tag inspected by the Animal Control Officer or other designated Officer within ten (10) days of the date the dog is claimed and redeemed from the place of quarantine.

ARTICLE 9: CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS

Section 9.1 The purpose of this Article is to establish a procedure whereby animals that pose a significant threat of causing serious injury to humans, other animals or property are identified and subjected to precautionary restrictions before any such serious injury occurs. It shall also be a violation of this Ordinance for any animal to engage in any of the behaviors described in this Article.

Section 9.2 Classification of Levels of Dangerousness: An animal shall be classified as potentially dangerous or dangerous based upon specific behavior exhibited by the animal.

An animal will be considered a potentially dangerous animal if it exhibits behavior described in subsections (1) through (2) of this Section. An animal will be considered a dangerous animal if it exhibits behavior described in subsections (3).

1. Level 1: An animal that has no history of running loose, creating a disturbance by barking, yelping or howling, has never caused damage to property or injury to a person or other animal, and has never displayed any threatening or aggressive behavior.

2. Level 2: An animal that has been previously cited for running loose creating a disturbance by barking, yelping or howling, indirectly causing damage or injury to a person, property or another animal, or has scratched or bit another animal or person in a less than aggressive manner, or is at large and displays threatening or aggressive behavior.

3. Level 3: An animal while confined or at large has bitten a person or another animal. Any animal that is known to have engaged in or has been trained to engage in exhibitions of fighting.

Notwithstanding subsection (1) through (3) of this section, the Animal Control Officer shall have discretionary authority to refrain from classifying an animal as potentially dangerous, or dangerous (Dangerous Animals: PA 426 of 1988; MCL 287.321 – 287.323) even if the animal has engaged in the behaviors specified in subsections (1) through (3) of this section, if the Animal Control Officer determines that the behavior was the result of:

1. A person trespassing on the property of the animal’s owner.
2. A person provoking or tormenting the animal.
3. The animal responding in a manner that an ordinary and reasonable person would conclude was designed to protect a person if that person is engaged in a lawful activity or is the subject of an assault.

4. An injury to the animal.

Section 9.3 Costs: All costs incurred by the animal shall be collected by the court from the owner, agent, person complained against upon a finding of guilty, include all but not limited to the following:

1. In the destruction of property
2. Trespassing in a damaging way on private property
3. Confinement of the animal
4. Veterinary treatment
5. Human injury and medical treatment
6. Time involved by the Animal Control Officer
7. Euthanasia
8. Costs due to civil litigation including court costs

Section 9.4 Reporting a Potentially Dangerous or Dangerous Animals: Any person who observes or has evidence of animal behavior as described in Section 9.2 should forthwith notify Animal Control.

Section 9.5 Violations of the Dangerous Animals Act, Public Act 426 of 1988, as amended, shall be punishable as determined by a court having jurisdiction pursuant to MCL 287.323, which states that responsible parties are liable for damage to property and persons and shall include any costs incurred by Animal Control for animals that need to be held and housed.

ARTICLE 10: CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS

Section 10.1 It shall be a violation of this Ordinance:

1. For any animal, (including livestock and poultry) except cats, to run at large (Animal Running at Large: Public Act 328 of 1976; MCL 433.11 – 433.20) unless such animal is engaged in lawful hunting and accompanied by its owner, or is displayed in an exhibition, or engaged in work they have been trained for or are being trained for.

2. For any animal to cause damage to property, real or personal, of another person.

Section 10.2 Order of Secure Structure:

1. Any person’s animal, except cats, observed by Animal Control, that has violated any of Section 10.1 three (3) times, shall be seized by an Animal Control Officer and held until the owner constructs a secure enclosure.

2. The secure enclosure shall be constructed within ten (10) days. All costs incurred will be paid by the owner for the holding of an animal awaiting construction of an enclosure for the animal being held.

3. The animal will be released after the structure has been inspected by the Animal Control
Officer and meets the requirements established.

4. The owner shall keep the animal in the secure structure at all times when not in the house or on a leash held by a responsible person.

5. If the structure is not completed within ten (10) days, with discretion of the Animal Control Officer and with notification to the owner, the Animal Control Officer may render a disposition on the animal.

ARTICLE 11: CARNIVORES AND OTHER ANIMALS

Section 11.1 Carnivores

1. A large carnivore is any of the following:
   A. Any of the following cats of the Felidae family, whether wild or captive bred, including a hybrid cross with such a cat:
      i. A lion
      ii. A leopard, including, but not limited to, a snow leopard or clouded leopard
      iii. A jaguar
      iv. A tiger
      v. A cougar
      vi. A panther
      vii. A cheetah
      viii. A lynx
      ix. A bobcat
      x. A serval
   B. A bear of a species that is native or nonnative to this state, whether wild or captive bred.

2. It is a violation of this ordinance to violate any section of the Large Carnivore Act: Public Act 274 of 2000 as amended, which regulates the ownership, possession and care of large carnivores, specifically large cats and bears.

3. Owners of carnivore(s) must be twenty-one (21) years or older and will be subject to a criminal history check.

4. All carnivores must be microchipped.

5. All carnivores will be registered with the Animal Control Office and a fee of not less than $25.00 yearly will be set by the Board of Commissioners for people who own a large carnivore as described in Large Carnivore Act: Public Act 274 of 2000; MCL 287.1101 – 287.1123 as amended.

Section 11.2 Ferrets


Section 11.3 Livestock and Poultry

1. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for livestock or poultry to run at large upon the premises of another or upon any public street, lane, alley or other public ground in the County unless otherwise specifically allowed. (Protection of Persons and Livestock: Public Act 339 of 1919)
2. Any person, including a law enforcement officer, may kill any dog in the act of pursuing, worrying, or wounding any livestock or poultry, or attacking a person(s) without provocation, and there shall be no liability on such person in damages or otherwise for such killing. (Dog Law: Act 339, Section 19, 287.279)

3. Any dog that enters any field or enclosure which is owned by or leased by a person producing livestock or poultry outside of an incorporated city, unaccompanied by the owner or the owner’s agent, shall constitute a trespass, and the owner of said dog shall be liable for damages.

4. All livestock kills shall be reported to a Township Supervisor for witness and for filing a report within five (5) business days of occurrence.


ARTICLE 12: TREASURER’S RECORDS AND DUTIES

Section 12.1 Treasurer’s Records
1. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all dog licenses and all kennel licenses issued during the year in each city and township in the County. Such records shall contain the name and address of the person to whom each license is issued. In case of all individual licenses, the records shall also state the breed, sex, age, and color of the dog licensed.

2. In the case of a kennel license, it shall state the place where the kennel is located, and primary use of the kennel.

3. The records shall be a public record open to inspection during business hours.

The Treasurer shall also keep an accurate record of all license fees collected by the office or paid over to the office by the city and township treasurers, the Animal Control Officers, and other locations designated to collect dog licenses.

Section 12.2 On and after April 1 of each year, every unlicensed dog subject to license under the provision of this Ordinance or the State Statutes and Laws is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the County Treasurer shall immediately thereafter list all such unlicensed dogs as shown by the results of the animal licenses, and shall deliver copies of such list to the Animal Control Officer and Sheriff and the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture as well as those officers listed and set forth in the Dog Law; Public Act 339 of 1919, being 287.277 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended.

Section 12.3 In all prosecutions for violation of this Ordinance, the records of the Treasurer’s Office, or lack of same, showing the name of owner and the license number to which any license has been issued, and the licensed tag affixed to the collar or harness of the dog showing a corresponding number shall be prima facie evidence of ownership or non-ownership of any dog and of issuance or non-issuance of a dog license or tag.
ARTICLE 13: FEES AND EXPENSES

Section 13.1 Every township, village, and city treasurer of Lenawee County, Michigan, shall receive a fee for each dog license issued for the issuing and recording of same. The remuneration as herein established shall be deemed additional compensation for each township, village, or city treasurer who receives a salary in lieu of fees, when so designated by the appropriate township, village, or city council or commission. This fee will be reviewed every five years on or before November 1 and may be changed from time to time, by a request from the Treasurer, by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 13.2 The Treasurer of Lenawee County shall receive all fees collected by the Lenawee County Animal Control for the issuance and recording of licenses and other services.

Section 13.3 The fees and expenses as established by the attached Schedule of Fees will be reviewed every five years or, by request from the Chief Animal Control Officer and/or Lenawee County Treasurer, may be changed from time to time on or before November 1 of each year and for subsequent years by action by the Board of Commissioners. (See Appendix A)

ARTICLE 14: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Section 14.1 In the event of a violation of this Ordinance or State Statutes, the Animal Control Officer, their Deputies or other law enforcement officers may issue a citation or seek a warrant for the person in violation, summoning him/her to appear before a District Court within the County to answer the charges made regarding violation of this Ordinance or State Statutes.

Section 14.2 Any person, firm or corporation, convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine as determined by the Court, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, hard labor or community service work, fine up to $500 or any combination of these penalties. In addition, court costs and costs incurred by the Animal Control Office shall be levied against the guilty party.

ARTICLE 15: CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Section 15.1 When inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future. Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular. Masculine shall include the feminine. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directive. Words or terms not defined herein shall be interpreted in the manner of their common meaning. Headings shall be deemed for convenience and shall not limit the scope of any Article or Section of this Ordinance.
Section 15.2 Where any of the provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with provisions of any other local Ordinance or State Statutes, regulations, or laws, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE 16: REPEAL

Section 16.1 Any Lenawee County Ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 16.2 Any former Lenawee County Animal Control Ordinances are hereby repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 17: SEVERABILITY

Section 17.1 Every section and every part of each section is hereby declared to be an independent section and part of section, and a holding of any section or part of section to be void and ineffective for any cause, or the modification of or addition to any section or part of section shall not be deemed to affect any other section or part of section. If any part of this Ordinance shall be held unenforceable or void, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.
**APPENDIX A**

**Animal Control Ordinance Fee Schedule**

**Licensing**

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There is no fee for the initial inspection, but kennel owners are subject to a $40.00 re-inspection fee if in non-compliance *(Article 6.9)*.

**Impound Fee Schedule**

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The fine for an unlicensed dog is up to $500 and is a 90 day misdemeanor.

Civil infractions include running at large and frequent and excessive barking.
APPENDIX B

State Statutes and Regulations listed in this Ordinance:


Animals Running at Large: PA 328 of 1976


Dog Identification Program: Act 309 of Public Act 1939 (MCL 287.301 – 287.308)


Exhibition of Fighting, Baiting, or Target: MI Penal Code: Act 328 of 1931, Section 750.49

Failure to Bury: PA239 of 1982


Governing Dog Kennels: Regulation 129

Large Carnivore Act: PA. 274 of 2000

Leader Dogs for Blind Persons: Act 207 of 1970

Liability of Owner for Dog Bite: PA.73 of 1939


Part 427 Breeders and Dealers of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act: Act 451 of Public Act 1994 (MCL 324.42701 – 324.42714)

Pet Shops, Dog Pounds, and Animal Shelters: Regulation 151

Protection of Persons and Livestock: PA 339 of 1919


Southeastern Michigan Epidemiology Committee (SEMEC), most recently revised Information and Recommended Procedures for Rabies Prevention in Michigan


Wolf-Dog Cross Act: Public Act 246 of 2000 as amended
PROOF OF PUBLICATION: Published in the Daily Telegram May 15, 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE: This Ordinance shall take effect when notice of the adoption of this Ordinance by the Lenawee County Board of Commission is published in a newspaper of general circulation in Lenawee County. The County Clerk shall file a copy of this Ordinance, with a copy of the publication attached in the County Clerk’s office.

ADOPTED by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Commission held the 9th day of May, 2018.

David Stimpson, Chair of Lenawee County Board of Commissioners

Certificate

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
 ) SS
COUNTY OF LENAWEE )

Roxann Holloway, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the duly elected Clerk for the County of Lenawee, and is the Clerk for the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, and that the foregoing LENAWEE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE was duly adopted by the Commissioners, Six (6) Yes votes, Two (2) No votes on the 9th day of May, 2018, and all previous Animal Control Ordinances rescinded.

Roxann Holloway, Clerk
Lenawee County Board of Commissioners