

Borough of Seven Fields  
Ordinance 40  
(Amended November 9, 2020)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO PERMIT DOMESTICATED OR NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS TO RUN AT LARGE, TO MAKE NOISE SO AS TO ANNOY ANY PERSON, OR TO DEFILE PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY the Council of the Borough of Seven Fields, Butler County, Pennsylvania and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any owner or owners of dogs or cats to permit the same to run at large within the Borough of Seven Fields. The feeding, sheltering or other act of care or control of a non-domesticated cat shall constitute ownership for the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any owner or owners of dogs or cats or other animals to permit the same to make excessive, loud or harsh noise or disturbance which constantly or continuously, without cause, interferes with or deprives the peace, quiet, rest or sleep of any person within the Borough.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any owner or owners of dogs or cats or other animals to keep the same when the animal exhibits a habit of making excessive noise or other actions to the disturbance, annoyance or fright of persons in the vicinity or passersby.

Section 4. It shall be the responsibility of the dog owner to collect and properly dispose of dog feces deposited by their dog on any public or private property within the Borough. Feces must be picked-up immediately by the dog owner and disposed of in the owner's refuse receptacle.

Section 5. Any dog or cat found running at large within the Borough of Seven Fields shall be taken and impounded in a place provided for that purpose. If the owner is known or the marks or identification can be found on the animal so that the owner can be ascertained, said owner shall be immediately be given notice either personally or by registered mail to claim the dog or cat within ten (10) days.

Section 6. All animals so taken and seized shall be detained and properly kept and fed, and if claimed by the owner, shall be removed immediately by said person.

Section 7. All animals so taken and seized shall be detained and subsequently claimed shall pay a penalty of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) and all reasonable expenses.

Section 8. If after ten (10) days from the giving of such notice the animal is not claimed, said animal shall be disposed of in a humane manner or given to such person or persons who desire to care for the same. Such animal may also be sold for expenses.

Section 9. All commercial establishments licensed to keep animals shall maintain and provide enclosures which are of sound-reducing construction for the keeping of animals where

practical, and no such establishment shall maintain any facility which would permit animals to become an unreasonable disturbance, annoyance or fright to persons in the vicinity.

Section 10. Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon being found liable therefor, pay a fine of not more than \$600.00 per violation, plus court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceedings. If the penalty is not paid, the Borough may initiate a civil action for collection in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of enforcement under this section, the Borough may enforce this chapter in equity in the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County.


Section 11. Repealer. All provisions of previous Ordinances of the Borough of Seven Fields which are contrary to this Ordinance are expressly repealed.


Section 12. Saving Clause. In all other respects, all Ordinances of the Borough of Seven Fields shall remain as enacted and ordained.

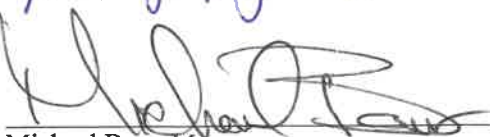
Section 13. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or part thereof is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clause or part of this Ordinance.

Section 14. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS, BUTLER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 9 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

  
Thomas B. Smith, Secretary/Borough Manager

  
Kimberly Regan-Koch, President of Council

  
Michael Baer, Mayor