

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP  
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 150  
DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE**

ADOPTED: December 19, 1983  
PUBLISHED: December 23, 1983  
EFFECTIVE: January 23, 1984

An Ordinance to provide for regulating the keeping of other than kennel dogs: providing for the enforcement of the Ordinance: providing penalties for the violation of the Ordinance and to provide exceptions as to the licensing of dogs and the determination and payment of damages done by dogs to livestock and poultry.

The Township ordains:

**Section 1: Terms Defined:**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Dog Control Ordinance". For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings respectively designated for each. The word "person" shall include state and local officers or employees, individuals, corporations, co-partnerships, and associations. The word "owner" when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, shall include every person having a right of property in such dog, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him. The term "police officer" shall include any Township constable, either elected or appointed to fulfill the duties of said office. The term "Dog Warden" shall mean the County Dog Warden and/or his agents or employees. The term "Dog-Pound" shall mean the facilities as provided by the County of Saginaw. (Ord. No. 150, eff. January 23, 1984).

**Section 2: Enabling Authority:**

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Act 339 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1919, and amendments thereto. (Ord. No. 150, eff. January 23, 1984)

**Section 3: License Required:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, maintain, keep or harbor any dog within the Township limits without first obtaining a license therefore as provided for by the "Dog Law of 1919 of the State of Michigan." And the regulations or orders of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County. (Ord. No 150 eff. January 23, 1984.)

**Section 4: Dogs: Running Loose Prohibited on Public Property:**

It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any other person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof, to permit any dog to run at large upon the public streets, walks, parks, or other public places within the Township unless such dog shall be attached to a leash of sufficient strength to retain such dog in such manner as to be

kept under the control of the person accompanying it. It shall further be unlawful for the owner or any other person having the possession, care, custody and control thereof, to permit any dog to urinate and/or defecate upon any land other than his premises. (Ord. No 150. eff. January 23, 1984)

**Section 5: Dogs; Running Loose Prohibited on Property of Persons Other Than the Owner:**

It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any other person having the possession, care, custody or control thereof to permit any dog to stray beyond his premises unless under reasonable control of some person or when engaged in lawful hunting, accompanied by his owner or custodian. (Ord. No. 150. eff January 23, 1984).

**Section 6: Annoying Dogs Prohibited:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any dog which shall cause annoyance or disturbance to persons by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, or to maintain a dog pen or dog run which shall emit offensive odors. (Ord. No. 150. eff. January 23, 1984).

**Section 7: Vicious Dogs Prohibited:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit a vicious, fierce or dangerous dog to go unconfined and unrestricted on such person's premises, or to run at large. (Ord. No. 150, eff. January 23, 1984).

**Section 8: Payment of Claims; Damage to Livestock and Poultry:**

The determination and payment of damages done by dogs to livestock and poultry shall remain as so provided by "The Dog Law of 1919" of the State of Michigan and the regulation or orders of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County. (Ord. No. 150. eff January 23, 1984).

**Section 9: Enforcement; Impounding Dogs and Disposition:**

It shall be the duty of the Dog Warden or any police officer to seize and impound any dog found anywhere in the Township contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance. Any dog seized by other than said Dog Warden shall forthwith be delivered to him for disposition. No dog so impounded shall be released to its owner or other authorized person without payment of the fee as provided for its care and maintenance and without procuring a license as herein provided. The Dog Warden may, within seventy-two(72) hours after impounding any dog, destroy such animal or if it is deemed valuable, sell it to the highest bidder at public auction to be held at noon next succeeding the said seventy-two(72) hours. (Ord. No. 150, eff. January 23, 1984).

**Section 10: Enforcement: Sworn Complaint; District Court Hearing:**

Any person who has knowledge of facts that constitute a violation of this Ordinance may upon sworn complaint to any District Court Judge, request that a summons be issued to show cause why such dog should not be impounded by the Dog Warden. Said Judge may upon such hearing either order the dog impounded by the Dog Warden or confined

to the premises of the owner. If the owner disobeys such an order, he shall be liable to be punished as hereinafter provided. (Ord. No. 150, eff. January 23, 1984).

**Section 11: Penalties for Violation:**

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (100.00). Or ninety (90) days imprisonment in the County Jail, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. (ord. no 150, eff. January 23, 1984).

**Section 12: Validity of Ordinance:**

In any section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provisions and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. (ord. no 150, eff. January 23, 1984)

**Section 13: Effective Date:**

This Ordinance is declared to be effective thirty (30) days from publication hereof. (ord. no. 150, eff January 23, 1984)

Dated: December 19, 1983

S/CHARLES H. WENDLING, Sup.  
S/JAMES T. GROSS, CLERK

State of Michigan)  
County of Saginaw) ss.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Maple Grove, Saginaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance No. 150 adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Maple Grove Township Board held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1983 by the following roll call vote AYES: Charles H. Wendling, Dale Drexler, James Gross, Donald Ebenhoeh, Kenneth L. Wenzlick. NAYS: None. The original of which is on file in my office. In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed by official signature this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1983.

**S/JAMES T. GROSS, Clerk**