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Part 1**Animals at Large****§2-101. Dogs Running at Large Prohibited.**

The running at large of dogs and other animals within the Borough of Chalfant shall be, and the same is hereby prohibited.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §1*)

§2-102. Running at Large Defined.

Any dog or other animal shall be deemed to be running at large when said animal is on foot off the premises of the person, firm, or corporation, owning, keeping, or harboring such animal without being restrained by a firmly attached leash or chain, not exceeding 6 feet in length, controlled by the owner, keeper or handler of such animal.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §2*)

§2-103. Seizure of Dog.

The police or other authorized representative of the Borough of Chalfant are hereby authorized and empowered to seize and take possession of, on public or private property, any such dog or other animal permitted to run at large within the Borough of Chalfant, in accordance with the requirements of §302 of the Dog Law, 3 P.S. §459-302.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §3; as amended by Ord. 408, 8/11/2011*)

§2-104. Seizure and Detention of Unlicensed Dogs.

It shall be the duty of every police officer of the Borough of Chalfant, State Dog Warden or other authorized representatives thereof, to cause any unlicensed or untattooed dog to be seized, detained, kept, and fed for a period of 48 hours at any legally constituted or authorized kennel; except any dog seriously, ill or injured, or forfeited with the owners permission. Any unlicensed dog remaining unclaimed after 48 hours may be euthanized in a humane manner.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §4; as amended by Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-104*)

§2-105. Seizure and Detention of Licensed Dogs.

It shall be the duty of every police officer of the Borough of Chalfant State Dog Warden, other authorized representatives thereof, to seize and detain any dog running at large which bears a proper license tag, and to seize and detain any other animal running at large, either upon the highways, streets or alleys of the Borough or upon property of others than the owner, keeper, or harbinger of such animal. If the owner, keeper or harbinger thereof be known, or his or her identity be discoverable through identification marking or a collar worn by any such animal, such owner, keeper, or harbinger shall be notified, either personally or by certified mail to reclaim such animal within the period of 5 days after notice has been given. Any dog or other animal so seized and detained shall be detained in a kennel or other impounding facility designated by the Borough of Chalfant and shall be properly fed and watered. The

owner of a dog or other animal so detained shall pay a penalty of \$15 and all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of the detention of such animal before becoming entitled to the return of such animal. In the event the owner of such dog or other animal does not reclaim such animal and pay the reasonable charges hereinafter provided for, within the time herein provided, any such animal other than a dog shall be sold for the benefit of the Borough of Chalfant; any such dog shall be exterminated in a humane manner or be sold as other animals for the benefit of the Borough of Chalfant.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §5; as amended by Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-105*)

§2-106. Animal Bites; Reporting and Detention of Animal.

The owner, keeper or harbinger of any dog or other such animal which bites any person, regardless of whether or not such animal has been vaccinated for rabies protection, shall be, and is hereby required and directed to report the occurrence of the bite to the Chalfant Borough Police Department and to confine said animal, for a period of 15 days, upon the premises of such owner, keeper or harbinger, or in a duly established veterinary hospital or clinic. If any such animal shall die within said 15-day quarantine period, its head shall be removed and delivered within 12 hours following the death, to a qualified official laboratory for examination and diagnosis. All information reasonably required by such laboratory shall be given same by the owner, keeper or harbinger of such animal.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §6*)

§2-107. Animal to Be Determined to Be a Nuisance.

No person shall keep or allow to remain within the Borough of Chalfant any dog or other animal which by frequent and continuous howling, barking, crying, baying, yelping, or other naturally produced sound shall disturb the peace, quiet, and enjoyment of the neighborhood residents. The keeping of any such animal shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be nuisance, as well as a violation of the provisions hereof.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §7*)

§2-108. Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 258, 1/14/1971, §8; as amended by Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-108; by Ord. 340, 9/14/1988, §2; and by Ord. 408, 8/11/2011*)

Part 2**Control of Animal Defecation****§2-201. Animal Defecation on Public and Private Property Restricted.**

No person, having possession, custody, or control of any animals, shall knowingly or negligently permit any dog or other animal to commit any nuisance, i.e., defecation or urination, upon any gutter, street, driveway, alley, curb, or sidewalk in the Borough of Chalfant, or upon the floors or stairways of any building or place frequented by the public or used in common by the tenants, or upon the outside walls, walkways, driveways, alleys, curbs, or stairways of any building abutting on a public street or park, or upon the grounds of any public park or public area, or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal.

(*Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-201*)

§2-202. Disposal of Animal Feces.

Any person having possession, custody, or control of any dog or other animal which commits a nuisance, i.e., defecation or urination, in any area other than the private property of the owner of such dog or other animal, as prohibited in §2-201 shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either:

A. Carry same away for disposal in a toilet.

B. Place same in a nonleaking container for deposit in a trash or litter receptacle.

(*Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-202*)

§2-203. Dogs Accompanying Blind or Handicapped Persons Exempted.

The provisions of §§2-201 and 2-202 hereof shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person, or to a dog used to assist any other physically handicapped person.

(*Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-203*)

§2-204. Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 328, 12/12/1984, §2-204; as amended by Ord. 340, 9/14/1988, §2; and by Ord. 408, 8/11/2011*)

Part 3**Farm Animals****§2-301. Definition.**

Farm animals—any animal normally raised for its meat, milk, skins or other production, for its ability to perform work, including, but not limited to horses, cows, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits and similar such animals. It is determined that such are not household pets, but are farm animals within the meaning of this Part. Honey bees are not farm animals. However, a single household or residential unit may house one rabbit or one duck as a household pet.

(*Ord. 408, 8/11/2011*)

§2-302. Unlawful Housing of Farm Animals.

It shall not be lawful to house, maintain or keep one or more farm animals within the Borough of Chalfant unless the tract of land for the same shall be no less than 2 acres in size.

(*Ord. 408, 8/11/2011*)

§2-303. Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 408, 8/11/2011*)

