

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Dog Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 83-1 and adopt a new ordinance regulating dogs.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of Ordinance No. 83-1.

The Township Board hereby repeals Ordinance No. 83-1 in its entirety.

Section 2. Adoption of New Dog Ordinance.

The Township Board hereby adopts a new dog ordinance to read as follows:

A. Licensing. No dog over six months in age shall be kept or harbored within the Township unless a currently valid dog license for the dog has been issued by the County of Lapeer.

B. Responsibility. Any person with a dog licensed in his name or any person who keeps or harbors a dog shall be responsible and liable for any acts committed by that dog.

C. Control. All dogs shall be kept on a leash and under control when not on the premises of the household at which the dog is regularly kept. No dogs shall be allowed to run at large.

D. Noise. No person shall keep or harbor any dog which by loud or frequent barking, yelping or howling shall create a nuisance or disturb other persons in the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

E. Number of Dogs. No more than three dogs over six months in age shall be kept, harbored, or allowed to remain on the premises of any household. The premises of a household shall be deemed to include the residence, any out buildings, and any associated land.

F. Dog Kennels. Dog kennels shall be located only at locations authorized under the zoning ordinance pursuant to action by the Marathon Township Planning Commission. For purposes of this ordinance, a dog kennel shall be deemed to be any property on which four or more dogs which are six months old or older are kept whether permanently or temporarily.

G. Manure. Dog manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in such a manner that odors therefrom are noticeable beyond the property on which it is located.

H. Penalty. Any violation of this ordinance shall be considered a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and/or by imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days.

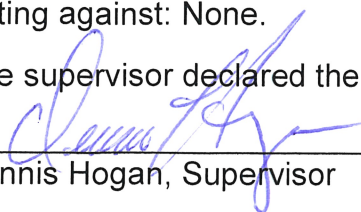
Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after publication.


Voting for: Hogan, Coultas, Hollis, Glesenkamp and Sickner.

Voting against: None.

The supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.



Dennis Hogan, Supervisor



Michelle Coultas, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2024-07 which was enacted by the Marathon Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on October 9, 2024.



Michelle Coultas
Township Clerk