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GENERAL SUMMARY OF ANIMAL REGULATIONS

From: Kirk Lavigne, Building/Planning/Zoning Administrator
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Subject: General Summary of Animal Regulations

The regulation of the keeping of animals as listed in the "Code of Ordinances" and the "Zoning Ordinance" are summarized below. All care and keeping of animals will need to comply with the requirements listed in the ordinance and the summary below can be used as general guidelines for these requirements. Questions regarding a specific situation and/or property should be addressed to, and may need approval from the Building/Planning/Zoning Department.

+ Dogs (Ordinance 224 – Animal Control Ordinance)

- All animals in the Township are subject to the same general protection and consideration as "Dogs" in the ordinance.
- Those six (6) months or older are required to obtain dog licenses from St Clair Co.
- They are not permitted to run loose and must be kept on a maximum 6' leash unless on the owners premises.
- The proper disposal of waste and the ability to do so at all time is required.
- The disturbance of the peace from unreasonable or objectionable animal noise is prohibited.
- The proper care and restraint of animals in vehicles is required.
- Security and Guard dogs are regulated by additional requirements.
- There are special regulations for dogs designated dangerous.
- The care and treatment of animals are regulated.
- The abandonment, fighting, and enticement of dogs is prohibited as well as interfering with another person's animal.
- The number of dogs or cats are limited to 4 in any combination.
- Commercial "Kennels" or the breeding of animals for commercial purposes are not permitted in residential districts and is limited to one litter of animals per year per residence.
- All violations of these ordinances are enforced by the issuance of Municipal Civil Infractions and the accompanying fines.

+ Livestock (including horses and other farm animals) (Sections 40-699 Livestock)

- These animals may only be kept as recreational pets on parcels of 3 acres or more with no lot dimensions of less than 100 feet.
- Farm animals that are kept or used for commercial purposes or are bred, are only permitted on parcels of 10 acres or more.