

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR

BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 54-B

CARE AND CLEANUP AFTER DOGS IN TOWNSHIP PARKS.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING ACTIVITY OF PETS, SPECIFICALLY DOGS, ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP PARK AND TOWNSHIP STEIH PARK REQUIRING OWNERS TO KEEP DOGS ON LEASHES OR OTHERWISE CONFINED WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF THE OWNER, VEHICLE, CAGE OR TETHERED AND TO ELIMINATE THE DEPOSIT OF WASTE WITHOUT CARING FOR AND MAINTAINING AND SCOOPING AND/OR BAGGING THE SAME AND DEPOSITING IN AN APPROPRIATE RECEPTACLE OR DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL WASTE

The Charter Township of Monitor, Bay County, Michigan, hereby ordain Paragraph Section I title. This ordinance shall be known as the Charter Township of Monitor care and keeping of dogs in township parks ordinance.

Section II – Where Applicable

This ordinance shall be applicable to all occupants utilizing township parks, either the township park on Three Mile Road, or the Herb Steih Memorial Park or having animals and dogs on the township hall property at the corner of Three Mile and Midland Road.

Section III – Definitions

Dog means any member of the animal species, Canis familiarities.

Owner means a person having the custody of an animal or who keeps or harbors an animal, a person having the authority of the owner to be the handler of the animal or a person who normally permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by that person.

Township property is defined as any property owned by the Charter Township of Monitor, including the township hall property, the township park property located on Three Mile Road and Herbert Steih Memorial Park property located on the Kawkawlin River in Monitor Township, but near what is commonly referred to as the “village” of Kawkawlin, which is in fact is simply an unincorporated portion of Monitor Charter Township.

Section IV – Removal of Animal Excrement

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog to leave its excrement on any public property or upon private property owned by the Charter Township of Monitor, unless the excrement is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the use of removal device; or by utilization of bags and removal in secure tied and deposited in appropriate waste receptacles.

Section V – Prohibition of Dogs Running at Large

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large or be free of a leash or confinement of the owner and/or handler of said animal.

Section VI – Enforcement

Any person who violates a provision of this chapter shall be responsible of a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine as reflected in Ordinance 53 of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Monitor.

Section VII – Repeal

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section VIII – Applicability of County Ordinances

The duly enacted ordinances of the County of Bay concerning the impoundment and redemption of dogs and cats and the disposition of unclaimed dogs and cats shall apply within the city and all county ordinances are likewise enforceable within township parks, if being enforced by the Animal Control Officer of the County of Bay.

Section IX – Effective Date

This ordinance shall take affect on the first day following publication in a newspaper generally circulated within the Charter Township of Monitor.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
Terry M. Spencer, Supervisor

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