

**Part 1**  
**DOGS NUISANCE BEHAVIOR**

**§ 2-101. Statement of Findings. [Ord. 246, 3/10/2003, Art. I]**

1. The Borough Council of Dublin Borough finds that:
  - A. The keeping of dogs may produce a nuisance and threat to public health and safety if not subject to appropriate regulation and control.
  - B. An ordinance pertaining to the dogs including reasonable regulation of its behavior and placing responsibility on owners to keep dogs under reasonable control, clean up feces of dogs on the property of another person or public property is fundamental to the public health, safety and welfare of the Borough and all the residents therein.

**§ 2-102. Definitions. [Ord. 246, 3/10/2003, Art. II]**

DOG — Domestic animal of the canine family and kept in or permitted to be at large in the dwelling of its owners.

**§ 2-103. Regulation of Dogs. [Ord. 246, 3/10/2003, Art. III]**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any dog other than as provided in this Part:
  - A. No Excessive Barking or Noise Making. Anyone who is the owner, keeper or possessor of a dog shall not permit it to bark or make animal noises of such loudness and intensity and duration as to prevent or unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood or to breach the public peace.
  - B. Anyone who is the owner, keeper or possessor of a dog shall not permit it to defecate on the property of another person without their permission or on public property or on any public streets, sidewalk, curb or alley unless the owner, keeper or possessor of the dog removes the feces immediately.
  - C. Anyone who is the owner, keeper or possessor of a dog shall not permit or suffer the animal to be kept in such a manner as to create odors of such intensity and duration as to prevent or unreasonably interfere with a person's ability to enjoy his property.
  - D. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing any dog to permit the same to run at large. For purposes of this section "running at large" is defined consistent with the Dog Law of Pennsylvania, currently codified at 3 P.S. § 459-101 et seq.
  - E. Anyone who is the owner, keeper or possessor of a dog shall not permit it to cause a nuisance which is defined as damaging property other than its owners' property or running at large on public property, molesting, threatening or attacking or interfering with persons on public or private property, chasing automobiles or other means of conveyance, attacking other animals and disturbing or turning over garbage containers or otherwise reasonably interfering with another person's enjoyment of his or her property.
  - F. No person shall be permitted to keep more than five dogs in each residence on a full-time basis unless permitted under the Dublin Borough Zoning Code to act as a kennel. Provided however, that an owner of a litter of pups shall be permitted to keep dogs in excess of this number for a period not to exceed four months in any given year.

- G. Anyone who is the owner, keeper or possessor of a dog shall make certain that the animal is registered, licensed and vaccinated all in accordance with Pennsylvania Law and that the animal be appropriately treated in a manner which is humane and in accordance with the mandates of Pennsylvania Law.

**§ 2-104. Violations and Penalties. [Ord. 246, 3/10/2003, Art. IV; as amended by Ord. 256, 5/24/2004]**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a fine of not more than \$25 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense nor more than \$600 for a third or subsequent offenses and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.