

**ROBINSON TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON, WASHINGTON  
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING STRAY AND FERAL CATS  
IN ROBINSON TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Robinson Township (the “**Board**”) finds and declares that the population of stray and feral cats in the Township poses a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health and general welfare of its residents to adopt an ordinance regulating stray and feral cats.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Robinson, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

**Section 1.** **Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the “Robinson Township Stray and Feral Cat Ordinance.”

**Section 2.** **Definitions.** For the purpose of this Article, the words and phrases set forth in this Section shall be construed as defined herein:

“At large” shall mean any cat when it is off the property of its owner and not restrained by a competent person.

“Cat” shall mean a member of the species “Felis Catus.”

“Feral Cat” shall mean any homeless, wild or untamed cat.

“Impound” shall mean to apprehend, catch, trap, net any cat by the Animal Control Officer or authorized local agency.

“Owner” shall mean any person, group of persons, firms or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a cat or cats.

“Stray Cat” shall mean any cat whose owner or keeper from time to time allows the cat to run free off the property of the owner or keeper.

**Section 3.** **Ownership.** Individuals who feed and/or maintain shelter for feral cats shall be considered the animal’s owner, and responsible for all required immunizations, as well as spaying/neutering of such feral cat, in addition to other municipal ordinances, including fines and penalties that govern the activities of animals that are considered pets.

**Section 4.**     Responsibilities of cat owners. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any cat to permit such cat to run free outside the residence of its owner or keeper unless said cat has been:

1. Neutered or spayed to prevent it from procreating;
2. Immunized against rabies in compliance with Pennsylvania law; and
3. Appropriately “tipped” on the left ear to signify that it has been neutered/spayed and immunized.

**Section 5.**     Feeding of feral cats. It shall be unlawful for any person to feed feral cats, if such feeding causes a nuisance to neighbors or creates a condition contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

**Section 6.**     Nuisance. The keeping of any cats in such a manner so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life, or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of the properties surrounding the property on which the cats are kept shall be declared to be a public nuisance and, as such, be unlawful.

**Section 7.**     Running at large.

7.01     It shall be the duty of every Animal Control Officer or authorized agency to seize, detain and impound any cat which is running at large either upon the public streets, highways, alleys or public grounds.

7.02     The removal of any cat which is running at large on private property shall be the responsibility of the private property owner and not the Township.

**Section 8.**     Violations and penalties. Any person who violates or permits a violation of this article shall, upon being found liable therefor in a civil enforcement proceeding commenced by the Township before a Magisterial District Judge, pay a fine of not more than \$300, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, and costs incurred by the Township in the enforcement of this article. No judgment shall be imposed until the date of the determination of the violation by the Magisterial District Judge. If the defendant neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the Township may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable Rule of Civil Procedure. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Further, the appropriate officers or agents of the Township are hereby authorized to seek equitable relief, including injunction, to enforce compliance herewith.

**Section 9.**     Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the Ordinance as a whole or any other part or part thereof.

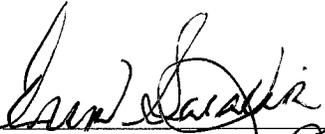
**Section 10.** Repealer. Any and all Ordinances and/or Resolutions, or parts thereof, conflicted herewith are repealed insofar as the matters herein are affected.

**Section 11.** Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

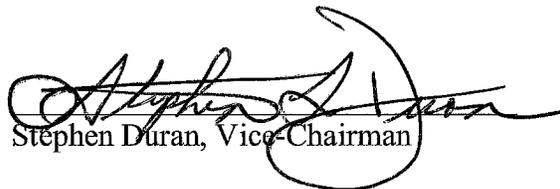
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Secretary/Treasurer *Manager*

  
Rodger Kendall, Chairman

  
Stephen Duran, Vice-Chairman

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Mark Brositz, Member