

Ordinance No. 2012-002

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE MANOR
RESTRICTING ANIMAL DEFECATION ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
PROPERTY MANDATING THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL FECES;
SETTING FOR RELATED MATTERS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES
FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED and it is hereby ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Langhorne Manor of the County of Bucks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I

Animal Defecation Ordinance

Section 1.01. This Ordinance shall be known and may be called the Borough Animal Defecation Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

Section 2.01. The meanings and terms used in this Ordinance shall, unless the context specifically and clearly indicates otherwise, be as follows:

- a) "Borough" shall mean the Borough of Langhorne Manor, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a political subdivision acting by and through its Borough Council or, in appropriate cases, by and through its Police, Code Enforcement Officer or other duly authorized representatives;
- b) "Animal" includes dogs, cats, sheep, horses and all other domesticated animals;
- c) "Owner" shall mean any person who alone or joint with others holds legal or equitable title to an animal; and
- d) "Person" shall mean any individual, sole proprietorship, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other organization.

ARTICLE III

Animal Defecation

Section 3.01. No person, having possession, custody or control of any animals, shall knowingly or negligently permit any dog or other animal to defecate upon any gutter, street, driveway, alley, curb or sidewalk in the Borough of Langhorne Manor, or upon the floors or stairways of any building or place frequented by the public or used in common by the members of

the public, or tenants, or upon the outside walks, walkways, driveways, alleys, curbs or stairways or any building abutting on a public street or park, or upon the grounds of any public park or public area, or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal.

ARTICLE IV

Disposal

Section 4.01. Any person having possession, custody or control of any animal which commits a nuisance by defecating in any area other than the private property of the owner of such animal, as prohibited in preceding Article III, Section 3.01, shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either:

- a) Carry same away for disposal in a toilet either owned by the Person or into which the Owner is authorized to dispose of animal feces;
- b) Place same in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash or litter receptacle owned by the Person or into which Owner is authorized to dispose animal feces.

ARTICLE V

Dogs Accompanying Blind or Handicapped Persons Exempted

Section 5.01. The provisions of Article III, Section 3.01 and Article IV Section 4.01 shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying a blind person or to a dog used to assist any other physically-handicapped person.

ARTICLE VI

Penalties

Section 6.01. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall commit a Summary Offense and shall upon being found guilty by a District Justice after hearing pay a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100) Dollars or more than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars and payment of all court costs as permitted by law. Each incident or occurrence of violation shall constitute a separate offense which shall be subject to prosecution and imposition of penalty as such.

ARTICLE VII

Severability

Section 7.01. In the event any provision, section or part of this Ordinance or the application of any of the provisions hereof shall be judicially determined to be invalid; such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is the intent of the Borough that such remaining provisions, sections and parts of this Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VIII

Repealer

Section 8.01. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby expressly repealed.

ARTICLE IX

Effective Date

Section 9.01. The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Ordained and Enacted this 15th day of May, 2012.

Attest:

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
LANGHORNE MANOR**

Loretta M. Luff
Loretta M. Luff
Borough Secretary

By: William R. McTigue, Jr.
William R. McTigue, Jr.
Council President

APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2012.

Robert Byrne
Robert Byrne, Mayor