

**ORONOCO TOWNSHIP
OLMSTED COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

ANIMAL NOISE ORDINANCE

The Oronoco Township Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

- A. Animal Control Authority. Oronoco Township or any Law Enforcement agent or other public official acting under its direction and control. Additionally, "Animal Control Authority" shall mean any individual, organization, partnership, or entity operating under contract to perform animal control operations pursuant to a written agreement authorized and approved by the Oronoco Town Board.
- B. Owner. Any person or persons, firm, corporation, association, organization, or department possessing, harboring, keeping, having an interest in, or having care, custody, or control of a dog or cat. Any person keeping or harboring a dog or cat for five (5) consecutive days shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be deemed to be an Owner thereof.
- C. Town Board. The Oronoco Township Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2. NOISE ORDINANCE. No Owner shall keep or harbor an animal that disturbs the comfort or repose of persons in the vicinity by its frequent or continual noise such as barking, baying, crying, howling or making any other noise repeatedly over at least a five-minute period of time, with a thirty second or less lapse of time between each animal noise during the five-minute period.

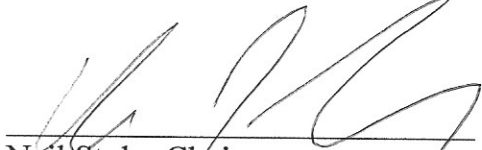
SECTION 3. INTERFERENCE. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere in any manner with or hinder the Town Board or any Animal Control Authority in the discharge of their duties under this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PENALTY. The first violation of Section 2 will result in a warning ticket. If there are subsequent violations of Section 2, any person who violates Section 2 of this Ordinance shall pay a fine in the amount of \$75. Any person who violates Section 3 of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 6. REPEALER. Ordinance No. 020617 entitled “*Oronoco Township Animal Noise Ordinance Number 020617*” is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage and publication in summary format according to law.

Passed by the Town Board of Oronoco Township on the 3rd day of December 2018.



Neil Stolp, Chairman
Charlie Lacy, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

