

## **Chapter 113, NUISANCES**

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Doylestown 6-22-1982 by Ord. No. 121. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

Brush, grass and weeds - See Ch. 62.  
Garbage, rubbish and refuse - See Ch. 100.

#### **§ 113-1. Title.**

This chapter shall be known as the "Nuisance Ordinance."

#### **§ 113-2. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Township.

#### **§ 113-3. Definitions.**

Certain words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed as follows:

**ABANDONED VEHICLE** - Any motor vehicle which has a defaced, changed or obliterated serial number; or any motor vehicle which is parked or stored on a public road or property not owned by the owner of the vehicle or which is parked or stored on private property or a public road or property without having a current license or a current inspection sticker.

**ANIMAL** - Includes all mammals, birds, fowl and reptiles normally or ordinarily domesticated (including household pets such as dogs and cats). Such term shall not include fish. [Added 9-18-2001 by Ord. No. 304]

**DANGEROUS STRUCTURE** - Any building which has deteriorated to the state where it is dangerous and unsafe for human occupancy, constitutes a fire hazard, endangers surrounding buildings, shelters rats or other vermin or endangers the safety of children playing thereabouts.

**GARBAGE** -- Animal, vegetable and organic waste from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**JUNKED VEHICLES** - Any mobile vehicle which has been stripped, damaged or is in such a state of disrepair that it has no value except for junk or salvage; or any vehicle without a current license or current inspection sticker not stored within a garage.

**OWNER** - Includes every person, corporation, partnership or association that actually owns an animal, or who has an animal in his, her or its care, or permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him, her or it. The parent or guardian of any minor claiming ownership of any animal shall also be deemed to be the owner of such animal. [Added 9-18-2001 by Ord. No. 304]

**PERSON** - Any individual, partnership or corporation or unincorporated association.

**PROPERTY** - Includes both private and public property.

**REFUSE** - All types of material having only a junk or salvage value, including but not limited to scrap metal, glass, industrial waste, trailers, boats, furniture and parts thereof.

**RUBBISH** - All waste and discarded materials having no value.

#### **§ 113-4. Nuisances defined and prohibited.**

A. The accumulation of ashes, garbage, rubbish and other refuse materials is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.<sup>EN</sup>

- B. The storage of junked vehicles, except within a closed building, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.
- C. An abandoned vehicle is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.
- D. A dangerous structure is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.
- E. Any other use of property which causes injury, damage, inconvenience, annoyance or discomfort to another in the legitimate enjoyment of his rights of person or property is a nuisance and is prohibited.
- F. It shall be unlawful for any person(s), corporation, partnership or other entity, to harbor, care for, shelter or maintain any animal in such a manner as to disturb or unduly annoy the public through the animal's noise, barking, smell, mischief or other harmful properties. All animal pens or other areas in which animals are kept shall be maintained in a sanitary condition free of offensive, obnoxious or foul odors. [Added 9-18-2001 by Ord. No. 304]
- G. It shall be unlawful to own, possess, harbor, control or keep any animal which makes noise repeatedly for a period of 15 minutes during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or repeatedly for a period of five minutes during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. regardless of whether the animal is physically situated in or upon private property. Said noise shall constitute a nuisance; provided that, at the time the animal is making such noise, no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal is legitimately situated, nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the animal. [Added 9-18-2001 by Ord. No. 304]
- H. No owner, custodian or keeper of any animal shall allow or permit any such animal to deposit excrement (defecate) upon any property not owned or leased by the owner, custodian or keeper of such animal, without immediately picking up such excrement. This provision shall not apply to horses being used for transportation in the public streets within the Township. [Added 9-18-2001 by Ord. No. 304]
- I. All dogs and cats in Doylestown Township shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the requirements set forth in the state rabies law.<sup>EN</sup> [Added 9-18-2001 by Ord. No. 304]