

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON  
Dog Ordinance No. 83-1

An ordinance to regulate the possession, care and control of dogs within the Township; to protect Township residents in the peaceful enjoyment of their homes; to protect the public health by preventing unsanitary conditions from occurring; and to provide penalties for violations thereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON ORDAINS:

Section 1. LICENSING. No dog over six months in age shall be kept or harbored within the Township unless a currently valid dog license for the dog has been issued by the County of Lapeer.

Section 2. RESPONSIBILITY. Any person with a dog licensed in his name or any person who keeps or harbors a dog shall be responsible and liable for any acts committed by said dog.

Section 3. CONTROL. All dogs shall be kept on a leash and under control when not on the premises of the household at which the dog is regularly kept. No dogs shall be allowed to run at large.

Section 4. NOISE. No person shall keep or harbor any dog which by loud or frequent barking, yelping or howling shall create a nuisance or disturb other persons in the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

Section 5. NUMBER OF DOGS. No more than three dogs over six months in age shall be kept, harbored, or allowed to remain on the premises of any household. The premises of a household shall be deemed to include the residence, any out buildings, and any associated land.

Section 6. DOG KENNELS. Dog kennels shall be located only at locations authorized under the zoning ordinance pursuant to action by the Marathon Township Board of Zoning Appeals. For purposes of this ordinance, a dog kennel shall be deemed to be any property on which four or more dogs which are six months old or older are kept wither permanently or temporarily.

Section 7. Manure. Dog manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in such a manner that odors therefrom are noticeable beyond the property on which it is located.

Section 8. PENALTY. Any violation of this ordinance shall be considered a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and/or by imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Marathon hereby certify that this Ordinance was duly adopted by the Marathon Township Board at a meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1983 and was published in the LakeVille Aerial on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1983.

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Howard Folsom, Supervisor  
Laura Ring, Clerk

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 83-1

An ordinance to amend the Marathon Township Ordinance No. 83-1 which regulates the possession, care and amount of dogs with the Township; changing the penalty for violation from a criminal misdemeanor to a municipal civil infraction.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON ORDAINS:

Section 8 of the Marathon Township Ordinance No. 83-1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Repeat offenses under this Ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided by Ordinance No. 96-2.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Marathon hereby certify that this Ordinance Amendment was duly adopted by the Township Board at a meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1996 and was published in the Lapeer County Press on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1996. This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective 30 days after said date of publication.

Howard Folsom, Supervisor  
Laura Ring, Clerk