

**SOUTHSIDE TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE
AND PROHIBITING VICIOUS DOGS**

The Town Board for the Southside Township, Wright County, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. Definitions

A. The terms "running at large" and "run at large", when used in this ordinance, shall mean and be defined as any place within the platted residential area in

Southside Township other than on the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian of any dog.

B. As used in this ordinance "owner" shall mean any person, keeper, custodian, firm or corporation owning, harboring or keeping a dog.

C. As used in this ordinance "platted residential area" refers to housing developments where three or more homestead lots are abutted to each other.

It would not apply to homesteads where there are agriculture or pasture land between lots.

Section 2. Barking Dogs

No person, owner or keeper shall keep or harbor a dog, within the platted residential area in Southside Township that habitually barks, howls, or cries.

Any such dog is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be impounded and destroyed.

Section 3. Vicious Dogs

No owner or keeper shall keep or harbor a dog within the platted residential area in Southside Township which is known to be vicious or destructive. Any such dog is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be impounded and destroyed.

Section 4. Running at Large Prohibited

No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the platted residential area in Southside Township.

Section 5. Leash and Control

The restriction imposed by Section 4 above shall not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the streets of public property when such dog is on a leash and kept under control of the accompanying person, or when such dog is not on a leash, but is under the immediate and complete control of the person charged with its care, either by voice control or otherwise.

Section 6. Inspection

The duly designated officer or agent of the township is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to enter upon any private premises within the platted residential areas in Southside Township in the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 7: The Township Board is authorized to appoint an animal control officer to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 8: The Township Board shall designate an official pound to which animals found in violation of this ordinance shall be taken for safe treatment, and if necessary, for destruction.

Section 9: No person shall in any manner molest, hinder, or interfere with any person authorized by the Township Board to capture dogs and convey them to the pound while engaged in that operation. Nor shall any unauthorized person take or attempt to take from any agent any animal taken up by him or her in compliance with this ordinance, or in any other manner to interfere with or hinder the officer in the

