

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution No. 2002-207

A RESOLUTION

"Regulating and controlling certain dogs within the unincorporated areas of the township."

The Board of Trustees of Rootstown Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session, on September 24, 2002 at the Town Hall, with the following members present:

David Armentrout  
Diane Dillon  
Bonnie Howe

David Armentrout moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, R.C. 955.221(A) provides that a board of township trustees may control dogs, except the use of any dog that is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting while accompanied by a licensed hunter and actually in the field and engaged in hunting or in legitimate training for such purpose, where the county has not taken such action.

Whereas, the board of Portage County commissioners has not adopted resolutions to control dogs within the unincorporated areas of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Rootstown Township, Portage County, Ohio, that:

A. Resolved, that:

1. No person being the owner of or having charge of any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall permit it to run at large upon any public place, unenclosed lands, or lands of another. The owner or keeper of every dog shall at all times keep such dog either confined upon the lands of the owner or keeper, or property in leash. This Section does not apply to any dog that is lawfully engaged in hunting, or training for the purpose of hunting, while accompanied by a licensed hunter and actually in the field and engaged in hunting or such training.
2. The running at large of any dog in or upon any of the places mentioned in Section A.1 is prima-facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this Resolution.
3. The Portage County Sheriff and deputies or the Portage County dog warden and deputies may impound any dog found in violation of Section A.1 and retain and dispose of such dog pursuant to law.
4. No person shall keep any dog in the Township so as to create noxious or offensive odors, or unsanitary conditions that are, or which could become, a menace to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
5. No person shall keep any dog within the Township that, by frequent and habitual barking, howling, or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the surrounding community; and be it further

