

**MANOR TOWNSHIP
ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANOR, ARMSTRONG COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING STRAY AND FERAL CATS IN
MANOR TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Manor Township (the “Board”) finds and declares that the population of stray and feral cats in the Manor Township (the “Township”) poses a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health and general welfare of its residents to adopt an ordinance regulating stray and feral cats.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same.

SECTION 1

Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Manor Township Stray and Feral Cat Ordinance.”

SECTION 2

Definitions. For the purpose of this Article, the words and phrases set forth in this Section shall be construed as defined herein:

“At large” shall mean any cat when it is off the property of its owner and not restrained by a competent person.

“Cat” shall mean a member of the species “Felis Catus.”

“Feral Cat” shall mean any homeless, wild or untamed cat.

“Impound” shall mean to apprehend, catch, trap, net any cat by any authorized agent or agency.

“Owner” shall mean any person, group of persons, firms or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a cat or cats.

“Stray Cat” shall mean any cat whose owner or keeper from time to time allows the cat to run free off the property of the owner or keeper.

SECTION 3

Ownership. Individuals who feed and/or maintain shelter for feral cats shall be considered the animal's owner, and responsible for all required immunizations, as well as spaying/neutering of such feral cat, in addition to other municipal ordinances, including fines and penalties that govern the activities of animals that are considered pets.

SECTION 4

Responsibilities of Cat Owners. It shall be unlawful for any owner of any cat to permit such cat to run free outside the residence of its owner or keeper unless said cat has been:

1. Neutered or spayed to prevent it from procreating;
2. Immunized against rabies in compliance with Pennsylvania law; and
3. Appropriately "tipped" on the left ear to signify that it has been neutered/spayed and immunized.

SECTION 5

Feeding of Feral Cats. It shall be unlawful for any person to feed feral cats, if such feeding causes a nuisance to neighbors or created a condition contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

SECTION 6

Nuisance. The keeping of any cats in such a manner so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of humans or animal life, or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of the properties surrounding the property on which the cats are kept shall be declared to be a public nuisance and, as such, be unlawful. The owner of said cat or cats shall solely be responsible for any damage caused by the cat or cats to any real or personal property.

SECTION 7

Running at Large.

7.01 It shall be the duty of any authorized agent or authorized agency to seize, detain and impound any cat which is running at large either upon the public street, highways, alleys or public grounds.

7.02 The removal of any cat which is running at large on private property shall solely be the responsibility of the private property owner and not the Township.

SECTION 8

Violations and Penalties. Any person who violates or permits a violation of this article shall, upon being found liable therefore in a civil enforcement proceeding commenced by the Township before a Magisterial District Judge, pay a fine of not more than \$300.00, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs incurred by the Township in the enforcement of this Article. No judgment shall be imposed until the date of the determination of the violation by the Magisterial District Judge. If the defendant neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the Township may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable Rule of Civil Procedure. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Further, the appropriate officers or agents of the Township are hereby authorized to seek equitable relief, including injunction, to enforce compliance herewith.

SECTION 9

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the Ordinance as a whole or any other part or part thereof.

SECTION 10

Repealer. Any and all Ordinances and/or Resolutions, or parts thereof, conflicted herewith are repealed insofar as the matters herein are affected.

SECTION 11

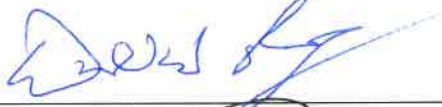
Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 5th day of February, 2025.

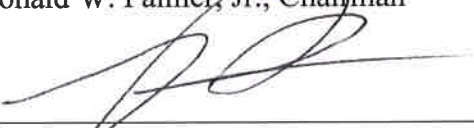
ATTEST:




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