

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEST VINCENT CODE OF ORDINANCES BY  
ADDING CHAPTER 120, ANIMAL WASTE.**

**BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of West Vincent Township, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

**Section 1.** The West Vincent Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add Chapter 120 Animal Waste as follows:

**Chapter 120 Animal Waste**

**120-1. Animal Defecation.**

Animal Defecation on Public and Private Property Restricted. No person, having possession, custody or control of any animal shall knowingly or negligently permit any animal to commit any nuisance, i.e., defecation or urination, upon any gutter, street, driveway, alley, curb or sidewalk in the Township, or upon the floors or stairways of any building or place frequented by the public or used in common by the tenants, or upon the outside walls, walkways, driveways, alleys, curbs or stairways of any building abutting on a public street or park, or upon the ground of any public park or public area, or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal, and where hunting dogs are used with permission.

**120-2. Disposal of Waste.**

It shall be the duty of any person having the custody or control of any dog or domestic animal to clean up any feces of the animal deposited on the streets (which includes both paved areas and adjacent unpaved areas), private property or public property in the Township and dispose of such feces in an appropriate trash receptacle. It shall furthermore be the duty of any person having custody or control of any dog or domestic animal on any street or public property to have in such person's possession suitable equipment for the picking up, removal and sanitary disposal of animal feces.

**120-3. Violations and penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation that violates or permits the violation of any provision of this article shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed \$600, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the Township. If the penalty imposed for the violation of this Chapter is not voluntarily paid to the Township, the Township shall initiate a civil enforcement proceeding before a Magisterial District Judge. Upon a finding of liability for committing said violation or permitting said violation in such civil enforcement proceeding

commenced by the Township, the defendant shall pay the fine, including additional daily penalties for continuing violations, plus costs and attorneys' fees. If the defendant neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the Township may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure.

**120-4. Exemption.**

The provisions of 120-1 pertaining to animal defecation under the immediate control of the owner and 120-2 shall not apply to any blind person owning a guide dog, any deaf person owning a hearing dog, any handicapped person who uses a dog for aid, or any municipal or state police department or agency using a dog in the performance of the functions or duties of such department or agency.

**Section 2.** Effective date. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of West Vincent this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP,  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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