

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

ORDINANCE 354

Chapter 18 - ANIMALS^[1]

Footnotes:

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State Law reference— Authority to adopt animal control ordinance, MCL 287.290; crimes relating to animals and birds, MCL 750.49 et seq.; dog law, MCL 287.261 et seq.

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 18-1. - Enforcement authority to seize fowl or pets.

In the case of any violation of this chapter, it shall be the duty of any fully appointed humane officer, peace officer, sheriff, or health officer, or animal control officer to seize such fowl or pets and provide the necessary care and attention, and such fowl or pets shall not be returned until all expenses for such care and attention shall have been paid.

(Ord. No. 106, § 4, 4-16-62; Ord. No. 329, § 1, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-2. - Penalty.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall upon conviction thereof be subjected to punishment as prescribed in section 1-11 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 106, § 5, 4-16-62)

Sec. 18-3. - Keeping of bees, goats, pigeons, other creatures except dogs and cats.

- (a) *Creation of nuisance.* It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor bees, goats, pigeons and other fowl or animals other than cats and dogs in the township in any manner so that the bees, goats, pigeons or other fowl or animals other than cats and dogs shall become a nuisance or cause damage to the property within the township.
- (b) *Leaving owner's premises.* It shall be unlawful for the owner of any bees, goats, pigeons and other fowl or animals to permit such fowl or animals to leave the owner's premises, except, however, that dogs may leave the owner's premises when controlled on a leash.
- (c) *Penalty.* Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined as prescribed in section 1-11 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 174, § 3, 6-15-70)

Sec. 18-4. - Locking, tying wings of domestic fowl.

It shall be unlawful for any person by himself or another to lock or tie the wings of any chicken, turkey, goose, duck or other domestic fowl for the purpose of weighing or handling or cause the same to be done.

(Ord. No. 106, § 1, 4-16-62)

Sec. 18-5. - Overcrowding, failure to provide proper care.

It shall be unlawful for any person to overcrowd, in any crate, box or other receptacle, rabbits, domestic fowl or poultry or to fail to provide proper food, water, shelter or sanitation for the same.

(Ord. No. 106, § 2, 4-16-62)

Sec. 18-6. - Offering baby chicks, rabbits, etc., as pets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale, barter or give away baby chicks, rabbits, ducklings, or other fowl as pets or novelties, whether or not dyed, colored or otherwise artificially treated. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the display or sale of natural chicks or ducklings in proper brooder facilities by hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling the same to be raised for commercial purposes.

(Ord. No. 106, § 3, 4-16-62)

Sec. 18-7. - Number of pets limited.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the township to keep, possess or harbor more than three domesticated animals.

Sec. 18-8. - Cruelty to animals prohibited.

- (a) No owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of an animal or bird shall torment, cruelly beat, cruelly kill or otherwise inflict cruelty upon any animal or bird.
- (b) No owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of any animal or bird shall fail to provide said animal or bird with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather.
- (c) No owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of any animal shall confine or leave said animal in a vehicle or other enclosure without adequate ventilation to prevent the animal from suffering.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor or other person having the charge or custody of any animal within the township, to cruelly drive or work the same when unfit for labor, or to carry or cause to be carried on or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, any living animal, having the feet and legs tied together, or in any other cruel and inhumane manner to carry or cause to be carried any living animal, in or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, without providing suitable racks, cars, crates or cages in which such animal may stand or lie down during transportation or while awaiting slaughter; or to abandon any diseased, maimed, hopelessly sick, infirm or disabled animal in any place within the township, or to willfully or negligently permit and allow any animal, including one that is aged, diseased, maimed, hopelessly sick or disabled animal to suffer unnecessary torture or pain.
- (e) No person shall throw or deposit any poisonous substance on any exposed public or private place where it endangers, or is likely to endanger, any animal or bird, except rats or mice.

(f) Abandonment

It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any animal in or upon any structure, sidewalk, street, alley, road, public right of way, park or other public property, or in or upon the property of another person.

(f) (g) Definitions. As used in this section:

- (1) *Adequate care* means the provision of sufficient food, water, shelter, sanitary conditions, and veterinary medical attention in order to maintain an animal in a good state of health.
- (2) *Animal* means any vertebrate other than a human being.
- (3) *Livestock* has the meaning attributed to the term in the Animal Industry Act of 1987, Act. No. 466 of the Public Acts of 1988, being Sections 287.701 to 287.747 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (4) *Neglect* means to fail to sufficiently and properly care for an animal to the extent that the animal's health is jeopardized.
- (5) ***Sanitary conditions* means mean space free from health hazards including excessive animal waste, overcrowding of animals, or other conditions that endanger the animal's health. This definition does not include a condition resulting from a customary and reasonable practice pursuant to farming or animal husbandry.**
- (6) *Shelter* means adequate protection from the elements suitable for the age and species of animal and weather conditions to maintain the animal in a good state of health.
- (7) *State of good health* means freedom from disease and illness, and in a condition of proper body weight and temperature for the age and species of the animal, unless the animal is undergoing appropriate treatment.
- (8) *Water* means potable water that is suitable for the age and species of animal, made regularly available unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine.

(Ord. No. 244, §§ 1, 2, 10-2-95)

Sec. 18-9. - Trapping or snaring of animals or birds prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person, at any time, to trap, ensnare or to set out to make use of any kind of trap or ensnaring device for the purpose of trapping or snaring any animals, birds, fowl or other animal whether domestic or wild as defined in this chapter, within the boundaries of the township.

Any traps, ensnaring devices or other apparatus used in prohibited trapping shall be seized and disposed of at the direction of the police department, animal control officer or by order of the court in which such violation is prosecuted. In the event that there exists no court order for the disposition of such seized property, such property shall be returned to the owner or person entitled to possession thereof, provided that such seized property is so identified by the person or persons' name and address, being attached by metal tag to the seized property; and if such person or persons are not known or cannot be determined, then such seized property shall be disposed of in the same manner provided for disposition of abandoned property.

This section shall not prohibit the owner or occupant of any property from engaging the services of a private company for the purpose of trapping or ensnaring any rodents or from trapping by use of live trap any animal thereon for purposes of live release thereafter of any such trapped animal as permitted by and in accordance with the department of natural resources rules and regulations.

(Ord. No. 244-A, 7-3-03; Ord. No. 329, § 2, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-10. - Reserved.

Editor's note— Ord. No. 150-E, § 3, adopted Feb. 28, 2006, repealed § 18-10, which pertained to penalties and derived from Ord. No. 244-A, adopted July 3, 2003.

Sec. 18-11. - Hogs, pigs and swine.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor any hog pens, hogs or swine.
- (b) Registered, purebred, miniature, Vietnamese potbellied pigs and other similar registered purebred miniature pigs may be owned, possessed, or harbored, subject to the conditions stated in subsections (c) and (d) of this section.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a registered purebred miniature pig which:
 - (1) Is not spayed or neutered upon reaching majority;
 - (2) Has not undergone a blood test to show the animal is free from pseudo rabies; or
 - (3) Is maintained as a food source.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, or harbor more than one registered, purebred, miniature pig at one dwelling or premises.

(Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 150-D, adopted Mar. 22, 2005, set out provisions intended for use as §§ 18-9—18-13. Inasmuch as there were already provisions designated as §§ 18-9 and 18-10, the provisions have been redesignated **predesignated as §§ 18-11—18-15, at the discretion of the editor.**

Sec. 18-12. - Rabbits and poultry.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor any rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese or other poultry, unless the same are kept in a sanitary condition, free of offensive odors, and in an enclosed yard or coop which shall be located not less than 30 feet from the street line or any adjacent property line **any property lines.**

Editor's note— See editor's note for § 18-11.

(Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05)

Sec. 18-13. - Horses and other farm animals.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor any horse, mule, ass, sheep, cow, or other farm animal not subject to the provisions of sections 18-11 and 18-12, unless the same is kept in a lot at least five acres in size; unless the same is kept in sanitary conditions, free of offensive odors; and unless such animal is kept in an area which is totally enclosed with a suitable fence or enclosure to prevent the animal from running at large. No person shall keep, possess, or harbor within the township more than two animals described in this subsection.
- (b) No horse, mule, ass, swine, or other farm animal, including poultry, shall be permitted to run at large anywhere within the township limits. The owner or harbinger of any animal or fowl running at large in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of violating this section.

(Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05)

Editor's note— See editor's note for § 18-11.

Sec. 18-14. - Dangerous or exotic animals prohibited

No person shall own, possess or harbor any dangerous or exotic animal. As used in this section, the term "dangerous or exotic animal" means and includes any wild mammal, reptile or fowl which is not naturally tame or gentle, but is of a wild nature or disposition, and which, because of its size, vicious nature or other characteristics, would constitute a danger to human life or property. Dangerous or exotic animals include, but are not limited to, any poisonous animals, reptiles or insects; alligators; apes, chimpanzees, gibbons, gorillas, orangutans and siamangs, and baboons; bears; bisons; **bison; buffalo, bobcats, musk ox, cheetahs; crocodilians; coyotes; deer; elephants; foxes; game cocks and other fighting birds; hippopotami; hyenas; jaguars; leopards; lions; lynxes; ostriches; pumas, cougars, mountain lions and panthers; servals, peacocks; rhinoceroses; caracal; sharks; snow leopards; tigers; wolves; "wolf hybrids", prairie dogs, and emu.**

Editor's note— See editor's note for § 18-11.

Sec. 18-15. - Injuries to persons; remedy; destruction of animal; liability for damages and costs.

- (a) *Civil proceeding.* Whenever any person sustains any loss, damage or injury to his person or property by an animal covered under this chapter, such person or his agent or attorney may commence a civil proceeding in court of appropriate jurisdiction to recover the costs of such loss, damage or injury.
- (b) *Payment.* Upon the conviction of any person for a violation of the provisions of this chapter, the court may order the person convicted to pay any person who suffered any loss, damage or injury as a result of a violation of this chapter. The payment of restitution shall be in addition to any other penalty provided for in this chapter.
- (c) *Petition for destruction of animal.* The township attorney may petition the district court to order the destruction of an animal that is alleged to be vicious or dangerous, or which habitually causes damage to the property of another. This petition may be filed whether or not a prosecution for a violation of this chapter has been commenced.
- (d) *Destruction for cause.* After a hearing or trial in the district court, the court may order the destruction of an animal if any of the following exist:
 - (1) The animal is a dangerous or exotic animal.
 - (2) The animal has destroyed property or habitually causes damage by trespassing on the property of a person who is not the owner.
 - (3) The animal has attacked or bitten a person.
 - (4) The animal has shown vicious habits or has molested a person when lawfully on the public highway.
- (e) *Removal and confinement.* As an alternative to ordering the destruction of an animal, as provided in this section, the court may order the removal to and confinement at a place where the animal may be lawfully and safely kept.

- (f) *Liability of owner for legal costs to the township.* The owner or keeper of any such animal shall be liable to the township for all costs incurred by the township in any proceedings relative to the enforcement of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05)

Editor's note— See editor's note for § 18-11.

Secs. 18-16—18-30. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - DOGS

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 18-31. - Definitions.

The following word, term and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Animal control officer means a person duly authorized by the township board or the director of public services to help supervise and enforce this article.

Dog means a carnivorous mammal of the family Canidae, kept in a domesticated state by man since prehistoric times.

Dog warden means a person duly authorized by the township board or the director of public safety to supervise and enforce this article.

Kennel means an establishment wherein or whereon three or more dogs are confined and kept for sale, boarding, breeding or training purposes, for remuneration.

Owner means every person having any right of property in a dog and every person who keeps, harbors, or shelters such dog or has it in his/her custody, care or possession and includes any person who permits or suffers such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by the person.

Police officer means any person employed by the township whose duty is to preserve the peace, make arrests or enforce the law or the ordinances of the township.

Treasurer means the treasurer of the township and/or his/her duly appointed representative.

Vicious animal means any animal which, when unprovoked, approaches upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place, in a vicious or terrorizing manner, any person, in an apparent attitude of attack; any animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury to or otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; any animal which bites, inflicts injury, assaults, or otherwise attacks a human being or domestic animal, without provocation on public or private property; any animal owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of animal fighting; or any animal trained for animal fighting. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no animal shall be declared vicious by reason of any injury or damages sustained:

- (1) By a person who, at the time such injury or damage was sustained was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner of the animal; was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the animal; or was committing or attempting to commit a crime;
- (2) By a domestic animal which at the time such injury or damage was sustained, was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the animal; or
- (3) By a person or domestic animal if the animal was protecting or defending a human being within the immediate vicinity of the animal from an unjustified attack or assault.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 1-101, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01; Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05; Ord. No. 329, § 3, 3-12-13)

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 18-32. - Penalty.

Unless otherwise provided, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished according to the provisions of section 1-11 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 7-701, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05)

Sec. 18-33. - Transporting for vaccination.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to transport or permit the transportation of any dog to or from any vaccination station located within the township unless such dog is in the custody and under the control of a person 16 years of age or older. All dogs so transported shall be held securely upon a leash not to exceed six feet in length.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 2-206, 10-3-88)

Sec. 18-34. - Owner's liability for damages.

Every owner of a dog shall be liable for damages for any and all injuries to persons or property caused by the dog, to be determined and collected in appropriate legal proceedings. In any such proceeding, any failure, neglect or refusal by such owner of the dog to comply, or to have complied, with the requirements of this chapter shall constitute prima facie evidence of negligence. This section shall apply to the owner whether or not the dog is rabid; whether or not the dog is vicious; or whether or not the owner knows of these characteristics.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 4-401, 10-3-88)

Sec. 18-35. - Running at large prohibited; leash or restraint required.

- (a) No dog shall be suffered to run at large in the township and each dog shall be kept under and within the limits of the owner's premises; provided, however, that if such dog is removed from the owner's premises it shall be securely held upon a leash of leather or other durable material of a length not to exceed six feet and in the custody of a responsible person, or the dog shall be securely held in a shipping receptacle or in a closed motor vehicle. Tying a dog by a leash exceeding six feet in length to any tree, shrub, structures or other fixture in a public park, playground or other public place is prohibited.
- (b) If a dog is not within the limits of the owner's premises, the person in custody of the dog shall be required to pick up, remove, and properly dispose of all waste left by the dog. The person in custody of the dog shall ensure that the dog does not excrete fluids on any playground equipment, benches, seats, tables or any other such objects that are used by the general public.
- (c) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine to be established by resolution of the township board of trustees. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 5-501, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-C, 10-14-03; Ord. No. 150-E, § 1, 2-28-06)

Sec. 18-36. - Barking, yelping prohibited.

- (a) No person shall own harbor or keep any dog which by loud or frequent barking, yelping or howling shall cause serious annoyance to the residents of the surrounding neighborhood or to persons passing along the streets or highways.
- (b) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine to be established by resolution of the township board of trustees. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 5-502, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-E, § 2, 2-28-06)

Sec. 18-37. - Bitten, vicious or rabid animals.

- (a) No person shall own, or harbor a fierce or vicious animal, as defined in sections 18-31 or 18-38, or an animal that has been bitten by any other animal known to have been afflicted with rabies or which shall have bitten any person.**
- (b) Any person having possession of any fierce or vicious animal which is rabid or any animal which is suspected of being rabid, or any animal which has bitten any person shall, upon demand of a peace officer, or the animal control officer produce the animal; and
 - (1) Surrender the animal to the peace officer or animal control officer for observation and treatment as hereinafter provided.
 - (2) With the approval of the peace officer or animal control officer, such animal may be surrendered to a duly licensed veterinarian or to a nonprofit organization established for the purpose of sheltering dogs or other animals; or
 - (3) At the option of the animal control officer the animal may be confined at the home of the owner for the quarantine period.
- (c) It shall be the duty of every person owning or harboring an animal which has been attacked attacked or bitten by another animal showing the symptoms of being rabid to immediately notify the animal control officer or the township police department that the person has such an animal in his/her possession.**
- (d) Whenever an animal has destroyed property or habitually caused damage by trespassing on the property of a person who is not the owner; and/or has attacked or bitten a person; and/or has shown vicious habits; and/or has been licensed, is wearing a license and is running at large a peace officer or animal control officer may cause the dog to be held for observation and examination for a period of ten days at the owner's expense. A peace officer or animal control officer may then proceed in accordance with the Dog Law of 1919, MCL 287.261 et seq., to have a summons issued to show cause why the animal should not be killed.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 5-503, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-D, 3-22-05; Ord. No. 329, § 4, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-38. - Vicious dogs.

- (a) Generally. It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own, or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the township any vicious dog; provided that vicious dogs, kept within the township, upon the effective date of this**

section, may be kept if registered with the city **township** clerk, and subject to the standards and requirements set forth in this division.

(b) *Definition.* For purposes hereof, "vicious dog" is defined to mean:

- (1) Any dog with a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or other domestic animals; or
- (2) Any dog which attacks, attempts to attack, or which by its actions gives indication that it is liable to attack a human being or other domestic animal.

(c) *Determination.* The animal control officer or any police officer shall investigate all complaints of a vicious dog. In the event that the animal control officer or any police officer has reasonable cause to believe that a dog is vicious, he or she shall institute proceedings in the township district court, requesting the court to conduct a hearing as to whether or not the dog should be declared vicious under this division. The issue of whether the dog is vicious within the meaning of this division shall be decided based upon a preponderance of the evidence. If the court finds the dog to be vicious, it may order that the dog be confined to the owner's premises and the provisions of this division be fully complied with, or that such dog be euthanized. **Therefore a dog that is deemed vicious will remain under the vicious dog requirements per ordinance and must remain in compliance during the duration of that animals life.** The court may establish a time schedule to assure compliance with this division, but in no case shall such time exceed 14 days after the date of the court's determination. Court costs for such actions shall be taxed against the owner of the dog. The court may decide all issues for or against the owner of the dog regardless of the fact that the owner fails to appear at said hearing. In the event that the animal control officer or any police officer has probable cause to believe that the dog in question is vicious and may pose a threat of serious harm to human beings or other domestic animals, the animal control officer or police officer may seize and impound the dog pending the hearing. The owner of the dog shall be liable to the township for the cost and expenses of keeping such dog.

(d) *Requirements for registration.* Upon finding by the court that a dog is vicious, its owner shall comply with the following requirements for **licensing registration**:

- (1) *License application. Registration.* The owner shall apply to the township clerk for a vicious dog license **tag** which shall be valid for one year from the date of its approval and provided all conditions of this division and applicable court orders have been met. The license **tag** shall be renewable for successive one-year periods provided that the dog is to be kept on the same premises, under the same conditions, and its owner has not violated any condition of this division or any court order during the previous 12-month period. **To register a vicious dog and receive a tag the following will be required, copy of court order, current rabies license, current township dog license, current homeowner's insurance policy, 2 color photos of vicious dog, current driver's license, copy of completed obedience class, proof of spay or neuter, proof of micro-chip and fee. No**

such license **tag** shall be transferred to a new owner of the dog or to a new location or address where the dog will be kept. The fee for such license shall be determined by the township board by resolution from time to time.

- (2) **Insurance.** Prior to receipt of the license **tag**, the owner shall present to the township clerk's **office** proof that the owner has procured liability insurance in an amount to be determined by the township board by resolution from time to time, covering any damage or injury which may be caused by such vicious dog during the 12-month period for which licensing **tag** is sought, unless the owner shall cease to keep or harbor the vicious dog prior to the expiration of such license **tag**.
- (3) **Confinement.** Prior to receipt of the license **tag**, the owner shall provide for the confinement of the vicious dog. Such dog shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed and muzzled as herein provided. Such pen, kennel or structure must have secure sides and a secure top attached to all sides. All structures used to confine such dogs must be locked with a key or combination lock when such animals are within the structure. Such structure must have secure bottom or floor attached to the sides of the pen, or the sides of the pen must be embedded in the ground to a depth of no less than two feet. All structures erected to house such dogs must comply with all zoning and building regulations of the township. All such structures must be adequately lighted and ventilated and kept in a clean and sanitary condition. If the vicious dog is to be confined indoors, the same shall not be kept on a porch or patio or in any other part of the house or structure that would allow the dog to exit of its own violation. In addition, no such animal may be kept in a house or structure when the windows are open or when the screen windows or screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the dog from exiting.
- (4) **Sign.** Prior to the receipt of a license **tag**, the owner shall display a sign in a prominent place on his or her premises, which sign shall be easily readable by the public, using the words "Beware of Dog." In addition, a similar sign is required to be posted on the kennel or pen of such animal **and on every entrance of property.**
- (5) **Identification photographs.** Prior to the receipt of a license **tag**, the owner shall provide the township's police department **clerk's office** with two recent colored photographs of the vicious dog, which clearly show the color and approximate size of the animal
- (6) **License fee.** The owner shall pay a license **tag** fee in the amount established from time to time by resolution of the township board.
- (7) **Micro-chip.** Have the dog micro-chipped within thirty (30) days in such a manner as to enable the dog to be readily identified.
- (8) **Animal Obedience Class.** The owner of a vicious animal shall attend and successfully complete an available animal obedience class with the vicious animal, as offered through a certified program, and shall produce evidence of such attendance and successful completion.

(9) No person shall own, possess, keep, harbor, or have custody or control of more than one (1) vicious dog per household.

(10) Spay or Neuter. All dogs determined to be vicious shall be spayed or neutered within thirty (30) days from the date of such determination. Proof that the vicious animal was spayed or neutered shall be provided by the owner of the vicious animal to the Redford Town Hall Clerk's Office within seven (7) days of the date that the animal was spayed or neutered.

- (e) *Control.* It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow any vicious dog to be outside of the dwelling of the owner or outside of the enclosure unless the dog shall be securely muzzled and restrained with a choker chain and leash, having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding four feet in length, and then only upon the private property of the owner, unless it is necessary for the owner to obtain veterinary care for the dog, to sell it or give it away, or to comply with commands or directions of the court, the animal control officer or any police officer. The muzzle should be made and fitted in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration, but shall prevent it from biting any human or animal. The animal shall be under the direct control and supervision of the owner of the dog or his agent, either of whom shall be, in any event, a person of at least 18 years of age and physically capable of restraining the animal.
- (f) *Reporting requirements.*
 - (1) All owners, keepers or harborers of vicious dogs must, within ten days of the incident, report the following information in writing to the township clerk:
 - a. The removal from the township or death of a vicious dog.
 - b. The birth of offspring of a vicious dog.
 - c. The new address of the vicious dog should the owner move within the corporate limits of the township.
 - (2) No person shall sell, barter, or in any other way dispose of a vicious dog to any person within the township, unless the recipient person resides permanently in the same household and on the same premises as the owner of such dog; provided that the owner of the dog may sell or otherwise dispose of a registered dog to persons who do not reside within the township.
- (g) *Acquisition.* Any person who, subsequent to the effective date of this section, shall acquire a dog and bring the same into the limits of the township, shall, if the dog is subsequently determined to be a vicious dog, within 48 hours, dispose of the dog either by euthanasia or moving the dog to a place outside the corporate limits of the township.
- (h) *Penalty for violation.* Any person violating or permitting the violation of any provision of this division shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum of not more than \$500.00. In addition to the fine imposed, the court may sentence the defendant to imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not to exceed 91 days. In addition, the court may order the dog which is the subject of a violation of this division to be:
 - (1) Temporarily or permanently impounded.
 - (2) Temporarily or permanently confined to the premises of the owner.
 - (3) Temporarily or permanently removed from the township.
 - (4) Killed.
- (i) *Continuing violation.* Each day that a violation of this division continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this division shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, handling, veterinary care, and testimony necessitated by the

enforcement of the division. Court costs for such action as taken shall be taxed against the owner of the dog against whom the complaint was issued.

Sec 18-39 Potentially Vicious Dog

A. Generally, any owner of a potentially vicious dog shall be jointly and severally responsible with other owners of such dog for compliance with the requirements of this section.

B. Definition. “Potentially vicious dog” means: a dog that poses a threat to public safety as demonstrated by any of the following behaviors

(1.) Causing an injury to a person or domestic animal that is less severe than a serious injury; or,

(2.) Without provocation, chasing or menacing a person or domestic animal in an aggressive manner.

(3.) Any dog which attacks, attempts to attack, or which by its actions gives indication that it is liable to attack a human being or other domestic animal.

C. No person shall own, possess, keep, harbor, or have custody of a potentially vicious dog except in compliance with all of the following requirements:

1. A potentially vicious dog shall not be permitted to remain in the Township unless it is properly registered as provided in this Chapter and as otherwise required by law or ordinance.

2. Except under the circumstances otherwise specifically permitted by this Chapter, a potentially vicious dog shall at all times be maintained inside a proper enclosure.

3. *Sign.* The premises where a potentially vicious dog is kept shall be posted with a clearly visible sign warning that there is an animal on the premises that is potentially vicious to human beings. Such sign shall also include a symbol sufficient to convey without words the message that there is a dog on the premises that presents a potential danger to human beings.

4. *Obedience Class.* Within ninety (90) days from the date that a dog has been designated a potentially vicious dog, the owner of a potentially vicious dog shall attend and successfully complete an available animal obedience class with the animal, as offered through a certified program, and shall produce evidence of such attendance and successful completion.

5. *Spay or Neuter.* All dogs determined to be potentially vicious shall be spayed or neutered within thirty (30) days from the date of such determination. Proof that the vicious dog was spayed or neutered shall be provided by the owner of the vicious dog to the Redford Township Building Department/ Redford Police Department within seven (7) days of the date that the dog was spayed or neutered.

6. *Micro-chip.* Have the dog micro-chipped within thirty (30) days in such a manner as to enable the dog to be readily identified.

Sec 18-40 - Confiscation and disposition of dogs.

A. A *vicious dog* - shall be immediately confiscated by the authorized enforcement officer upon the determination that one (1) or more of the following circumstances exists:

1. The owner of the dog does not have the proper liability insurance required by Section 18-38
2. The dog is not validly and currently registered as is required by Section 18-38.
3. The dog is not maintained in a proper enclosure as is required by Section 18-38
4. The dog is not under the restraints required by Section 18-38, whether or not such dog is then in the custody or possession of its owner.
5. The owner has failed to take the dog to obedience classes as required by Section 18-38
6. The vicious dog attacked, without provocation, a person or domestic animal.

In the event that the animal control officer or any police officer has probable cause to believe that the dog in question is vicious and may pose a threat of serious harm to human beings or other domestic animals, the animal control officer or police officer may seize and impound the dog pending the hearing without a search warrant where (1) the animal control officer or any police officer proceeds with the homeowner's consent or (2) there is a danger of imminent destruction of evidence or a risk of danger to the animal control officer or any police officer or to others or other domestic animals.

B. A *potentially vicious dog* shall be confiscated upon the determination that one (1) or more of the following circumstances exists:

1. The dog is not validly and currently registered and tagged as required by Section 18-38
2. The dog is not maintained in a proper enclosure as is required by Section 18-38
3. The dog is not under the restraints required by Section 18-38 whether or not such dog is then in the custody or possession of its owner.
4. The owner has failed to take the dog to obedience classes as required by Section 18-39

In the event that the animal control officer or any police officer has probable cause to believe that the dog in question is potentially vicious

and may pose a threat of serious harm to human beings or other domestic animals, the animal control officer or police officer may seize and impound the dog pending the hearing without a search warrant where (1) the animal control officer or any police officer proceeds with the homeowner's consent or (2) there is a danger of imminent destruction of evidence or a risk of danger to the animal control officer or any police officer or to others or other domestic animals.

- C. Any dog that is confiscated under either subsection (A) or (B) of this section shall be returned to its owner upon the owner's compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and upon the payment of the actual costs of boarding the dog with the first available private kennel, plus a confiscation fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) upon the first confiscation of any dog, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) upon the second, and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) upon the third or subsequent confiscation. The foregoing shall be in addition to the penalties otherwise provided for under this Chapter.
- D. If the confiscated dog remains unclaimed for a period of seven (7) days after written notice of the confiscation to the owner, or if the identity of the owner cannot be determined and seven (7) days have passed after a description of the dog has been given to the Police Department and the local humane society and the animal remains unclaimed, then the dog shall be turned over to the local animal welfare society or examined by a veterinarian and/or the local animal welfare society to determine the viability of the dog or appropriate course of destruction of the dog if necessary. If a confiscated dog is destroyed, all costs associated with it shall be paid by the owner of the confiscated dog.

Sec.18-41 - Tethering of dogs.

Definition. "Tethering" means the practice of securing a dog to a stationary object by means of a metal chain or coated steel cable for keeping a dog restrained. Tethering does not mean walking a dog on a leash, or for temporary grooming, or other professional service.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to:

- (1) Tether a dog on a tether made of anything but a coated steel cable.
- (2) Tether a dog if the tether is not at least 3 times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the end of its tail.
- (3) Use a tether or any assembly or attachments thereto to tether a dog that shall weigh more than ten percent of the animal's body weight, or due to weight, inhibit the free movement of the animal within the area tethered; or

(4) Tether a dog on anything except a buckle-type collar or harness, or tethering on a choke chain or around the dog's neck, or tethered to training collars such as choke or pinch-style collars, or in such a manner as to cause injury, strangulation, or entanglement of the dog on fences, trees, or other man made or natural obstacles; or

(5) Tether a dog without access to shade when sunlight is likely to cause overheating, or appropriate shelter to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness when the atmospheric temperature falls below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, or to tether, a dog without securing its food and water supply so that it cannot be tipped over by the tether, or

(6) Tether a dog in an open area where it can be teased by persons or an open area that does not provide the dog protection from attack by other animals; or

(7) Tether a dog in an area where bare earth is present and no steps have been taken to prevent the surface from becoming wet and muddy in the event of precipitation; or

(8) Tether a dog less than four months of age; or

(9) Tether more than one dog to a single tether or

(10) Tether a dog to a stationary object which would allow a dog to come within five feet of any property line; or

(11) Tether a dog without a swivel attached and/or equipped on both ends.

(b) A police officer or animal control officer, or his/her designee, may in his/her discretion order a more restrictive tethering requirement if circumstances require and it is not detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the dog.

(c) Any person found responsible for violating this section shall be given one warning notice. Further failure to comply with this township ordinance (Section 18-88) will result in a misdemeanor.

(Ord. No. 300, §§ 1—9, 8-12-08)

Secs. 18-39 ~~42~~—18-50. - Reserved

DIVISION 2. - LICENSES

Sec. 18-51. - Licenses required; application, requisites; penalty.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person residing within the limits of the township to own, possess, harbor, shelter or keep on or off his or her premises any dog four months of age or older without first

obtaining a license from the treasurer or other designated agent. The license shall be issued upon compliance with the following provisions:

- (1) Upon written application on a form provided by the treasurer which is properly completed.
 - (2) Upon satisfactory proof that the person is the legal owner of the dog, or that the dog is in the person's lawful possession and custody.
 - (3) The application for a license shall be accompanied by a valid certificate of a current vaccination for rabies, with a vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, signed by an accredited veterinarian. The certificate for vaccination for rabies shall state the month and year of expiration for the rabies vaccination, in the veterinarian's opinion.
- (b) Whenever a dog has been licensed for the current year elsewhere in the state and the owner thereof becomes a resident of the township, the owner shall register such dog with the treasurer and otherwise comply with all of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. At that time the person shall pay a reduced license fee, as established by resolution of the township board from time to time, and the license tag fee described herein.
- (c) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine to be established by resolution of the township board of trustees. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 2-201, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01; Ord. No. 150-F, § 1, 8-15-06)

Sec. 18-52. - Term.

Beginning June 1, 2001, the term of the dog license shall be from June 1 to the following June 1.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 2-202, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Sec. 18-53. - Form; fee.

- (a) The treasurer or a designated agent shall deliver to the applicant for a license under this division a serially-numbered certificate to be retained until the expiration date.
- (b) The treasurer or a designated agent shall also deliver a tag, check or disc of metal or other durable material which shall have the following inscribed thereon:
 - (1) The fiscal year for which the tag, check or disc is issued.
 - (2) The serial number of the license.
 - (3) The words, "Charter Township of Redford, Michigan."

The size and/or shape and/or color of the tags, checks or discs shall be changed each year for issuance on June 1 and for subsequent issuance throughout the year.

- (c) The license fee shall be established by resolution of the township board from time to time. A reduced fee for those transferring a valid license pursuant to section 18-51(b) shall be adopted by the board.
- (d) The township board shall establish a renewal fee for dog licenses.
- (e) The township board shall establish a license tag fee for the license tag, check or disc provided.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 2-203, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Sec. 18-54. - Collar, tags required; unauthorized removal of tags.

No person shall own, possess, harbor, shelter or keep on or off his premises any dog six months of age or older without a substantial collar of leather, metal or other durable material securely fastened around the neck of the dog. The license tag, check or disc shall be securely attached to the collar. No tag, check or disc other than the one properly issued shall be fastened to the collar of such dog. No person shall be permitted to remove the collar, tag, check or disc without the consent of the owner or of the person to whom the license was issued.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 2-204, 10-3-88)

Sec. 18-55. - License transfer restrictions.

Licenses may not be transferred from one dog to another dog. A license may be transferred between one owner to another upon written notification to the treasurer.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 2-205, 10-3-88)

Secs. 18-56—18-65. - Reserved.

DIVISION 3. - KENNELS

Sec. 18-66. - Kennels; license required, restriction on location.

No person shall establish a dog kennel in the township without first obtaining a kennel license. All persons owning, possessing, harboring or keeping on their premises three or more dogs which are four months of age or older, wherein the three or more dogs are kept for the purposes of breeding, boarding, sale, or training purposes, for remuneration shall be presumed to have established a dog kennel. No dog kennel shall be established in any R-1, R-2 or R-3 residential district as set forth in the zoning ordinance of this township.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

***Boarding kennel* means the premises of an owner who keeps, grooms, cares for, trains, handles, maintains or boards dogs belonging to another as a business or means of livelihood.**

***Owner* means any person having a right of property in a dog and every person who keeps or harbors a dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits a dog to remain on or about his premises.**

***Private kennel* means the premises of an owner wherein or whereon 2 or more dogs of the age of four months or more are kept for the purpose of a hobby, sporting activity, breeding, and sale or merely in a proprietary manner.**

(b) License required. Any owner who keeps or operates either a boarding kennel or private kennel, as defined in this section, shall annually apply to the township clerk for a boarding kennel license. The township clerk or his duly authorized representative shall not issue a kennel license under the provisions of this

section unless the applicant fully complies with the appropriate regulations of the zoning ordinance and the following standards and regulations:

(1) No dog kennel shall be established in any R-1, R-2 or R-3 residential district as set forth in the zoning ordinance of this township.

(2) All kennels shall be subject to an annual inspection which shall be conducted by the animal control officer, or his designated representative, which inspection shall be made not more than thirty (30) days before filing the application for license. The fees charged for kennel inspections shall be set by a resolution of the building department superintendent

Boarding kennel license: A boarding kennel license shall not be issued until the following standards have been complied with by the applicant:

A. An annual certification from the building department guaranteeing that the applicant's kennel has been inspected by animal control as to adequate construction and comfortable housing for the dogs kept therein.

B. An annual certification from the animal control department guaranteeing that the applicant has not been convicted of any violations of the animal ordinance during the preceding year.

C. Outdoor kennel enclosures shall be enclosed with cyclone fencing or with solid fencing, either of which shall be at least four feet in height but no higher than six feet in height.

D. All floors and run areas shall be of cement, asphalt, gravel or stone and shall be sloped to drain readily.

(3) No dogs shall be placed in a kennel or cage where a previously diseased animal was housed until such kennel or cage is cleaned, disinfected and found to be free from disease in a manner approved by the county health department or any board of the state humane society.

(4) All dogs kept or maintained in connection with a kennel shall be furnished daily with a clean, fresh water supply and adequate and proper food to maintain the animals in a normal condition of health. All perishable food must be refrigerated.

(5) Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect them against infestation or contamination.

(6) Provision shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food waste, bedding, dead animals, and debris. Disposal facilities shall be provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors and disease hazards.

(7) A Primary enclosure shall provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit and lie in a comfortable normal position. And shall be cleaned as often as necessary.

(c) *License fee; display of license.*

(1) The fee for a kennel license shall be as required by Section 18-69

(2) Each kennel license shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises where the kennel is maintained and no kennel license shall be transferable.

(d) *Additional regulations.*

(1) All buildings, including walls, floors and run areas, shall be kept clean and free from accumulations of dirt, hair, mud, fecal matter or debris.

(2) The inside and outside of all kennel enclosures shall be cleaned of any and all refuse matter, including fecal matter, at least twice daily.

(3) All dogs retained in any kennel shall be vaccinated and licensed according to the provisions of this chapter.

(4) The owner of such kennel shall be able to provide 24-hour veterinary care for animals.

(5) The owner of such kennel will have staff 24 hours a day if animals are being boarded overnight.

(6) No animal shall be boarded for more than 30 days, and shall not return for 14 days after first 30 days of boarding.

(7) All incidents must be reported to animal control within 24 hours.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 3-301, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Sec. 18-67. - Application for **Kennel license.**

A kennel license may be obtained from the treasurer upon written application on a form provided by the treasurer. The application shall contain:

- (1) The name and address of the owner and proprietor thereof.
- (2) The trade name and address of the kennel.
- (3) The number of dogs to be kept in the kennel.
- (4) Proof of vaccination of dogs against rabies.
- (5) Other information required by the treasurer.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 3-302, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Sec. 18-68. - Term of license.

Beginning June 1, 2001, the term of a dog kennel license shall be from June 1 to the following June 1.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 3-303, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Sec. 18-69. - License fee.

The license fee to be paid for a kennel license shall be \$10.00 for ten (10) dogs or less, and \$25.00 for more than ten (10) dogs.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 3-304, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Sec. 18-70. - Tags required; restraint required when off kennel premises.

The treasurer shall issue kennel tags, check or discs equal to the number of dogs authorized to be kept in the kennel and for which the appropriate fee is paid. Each such tag, check or disc shall have inscribed thereon the serial number of the license and the words "Kennel License, Charter Township of Redford, Michigan." One of the tags, checks or discs shall be securely fastened to the collar of each dog in such kennel at all times. No such dog shall be suffered to stray from such kennel or be taken out of the kennel unless held firmly on a leash of leather or other durable material not over six feet in length or confined in a shipping receptacle or closed motor vehicle. Upon satisfactory proof of loss, duplicate tags, checks or discs shall be issued to the licensee upon payment of a fee established by resolution of the township board from time to time. The treasurer, or his/her duly authorized representative shall not issue a kennel license for a new kennel under the provisions of this division unless the applicant furnishes an inspection certificate signed by the director of the department of agriculture, or his/her authorized representative, stating that the kennel to be covered by the license complies with the reasonable sanitary requirements of the department of agriculture, and with the breed of the dog. The inspection shall be made not more than 30 days before the filing of the application for license.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 3-305, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 150-B, 10-15-01)

Secs. 18-71—18-80. - Reserved.

DIVISION 4. - ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND POUND [\[2\]](#)

Footnotes:

Editor's note— Ord. No. 329, adopted March 12, 2013, amended Div. 4 title to read as herein set out. Former Div. 4 title pertained to warden and pound.

Sec. 18-81. - Appointment of animal control officer.

The animal control officer shall be hired through the civil service process. The minimum employment standards relative to the recruitment, selection and hiring of the animal control officer shall at least equal the minimum standards set forth in section 29b of the Dog Law of 1919, MCL 287.289b.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-601, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 5, 3-12-13)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 329, § 5, adopted March 12, 2013, amended § 18-81 title to read as herein set out. Former § 18-81 title pertained to appointment of warden.

Sec. 18-82. - Establishment of pound.

There may be a public dog pound established in and for the township under the supervision of the animal control officer. All expenses shall be paid from the township's general fund and must be authorized by the treasurer. The township board may, as an alternative to establishing a dog pound, enter into a contract with an animal shelter facility which provides that the animal shelter facility will assist in the enforcement of the animal laws and regulations of the state and this chapter.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-602, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 6, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-83. - Duties of animal control officer.

It shall be the duty of the animal control officer, and every other person appointed to enforce this chapter, to promptly seize, take up and place in the dog pound or animal shelter facility which has a contract with the township all dogs which may be found running at large or all dogs which are found to be harbored or owned contrary to the provisions of this chapter. Whenever any person delivers any dog to the dog pound or animal shelter facility, the animal control officer shall make a report describing the dog and also the date of delivery to the dog pound or animal shelter facility and a complaint shall be issued if there is a violation of this chapter. If dogs so seized are not licensed and/or have no license tag attached as evidence thereof, the animal control officer may cause such dogs to be turned over to a nonprofit organization established to shelter dogs or may cause the dog to be destroyed or make whatever disposition of the dogs as appears to be appropriate.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-603, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 7, 3-12-13)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 329, § 7, adopted March 12, 2013, amended § 18-83 title to read as herein set out. Former § 18-83 title pertained to duties of warden.

Sec. 18-84. - Releasing impounded dogs; fees, records.

No dog shall be released from the dog pound or animal shelter facility unless the owner shall pay to the township the fee established by resolution of the township board for the care, custody and feeding of such dog, plus the cost of immunization against rabies if necessary. A dog shall not be released unless the owner has obtained a valid license for the dog. The animal control officer shall keep a record of all dogs received into the dog pound or animal shelter facility and such records shall contain a description of the dog. The animal control officer or animal shelter facility shall pay over to the treasurer all fees received by him. The animal control officer or animal shelter facility shall file such reports as required by law or the director of public services.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-604, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 8, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-85. - Unclaimed dogs.

All dogs not claimed or released within 72 hours after being impounded shall be destroyed except if the animal can be sold by the animal control officer or animal shelter facility. Such a sale shall be at the direction of the animal control officer or animal shelter facility at a public sale. In no event shall a dog be sold which has been bitten by or has been fighting with a rabid dog or which has or had rabies.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-605, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 9, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-86. - Disposition of bodies.

The bodies of all dogs that have been destroyed under and according to the provisions of this division shall be disposed of in a manner as the animal control officer or animal shelter facility shall see fit, provided that such disposition is not contrary to any provision of state law or township ordinance.

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-606, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 10, 3-12-13)

Sec. 18-87. - Stray dogs.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor or hold, other than the legal owner or rightful possessor, a stray dog, unless the dog is purchased from the dog pound or nonprofit organization established for the purpose of sheltering dogs. This subsection does not apply to nonprofit organizations established for the purpose of sheltering dogs.
- (b) It shall be the duty of all persons to notify the animal control officer or peace officer of all such stray dogs within 24 hours.**
- (c) The animal control officer shall notify the owner of any registered stray dog at the owner's last registered address.
- (d) Stray dogs which are unclaimed after 72 hours shall be disposed of as provided in section 18-95.

Sec. 18-88 Interfering with officers and other violations deemed misdemeanors.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, or any of the rules and regulations adopted in pursuance hereof, or who hampers, impedes or interferes with the performance of the duties of the dog warden or any other officer of the department under the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as in this code provided.

(Prior code § 3-442(a))

(Ord. No. 150-A, § 6-607, 10-3-88; Ord. No. 329, § 11, 3-12-13)

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Redford this 9th day of July 2019.

19:093 MOTION BY CAVANAGH, SUPPORTED BY JACKSON, to approve the 2nd reading of Chapter 18 Animal Ordinance with updates/new definitions for potentially vicious animal with recommended changes from the ACO

AYES: Jackson, Kangas, King, Taylor, Cavanagh
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Kobylarz, Christie

Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Supervisor

Garth J. Christie, MMC, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford at a regular Board Meeting held in the Township Hall in said Township on the 9th day of July 2019.

Garth J. Christie, MMC, Clerk