

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED SCIO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ANIMALS.

The Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio hereby ordains:

Chapter 8, Animals of the Township of Scio Code of Ordinances is amended to add the following:

ARTICLE III, PET WASTE

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Scio Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural include the singular, and words used in the singular include the plural. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – means that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who possesses, maintains, houses or harbors any pet or otherwise has custody of any pet, whether or not the actual owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet – a domesticated animal kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

SECTION III. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet’s solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal is exempt from the provisions of this ordinance while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article may be enforced by the Scio Township Code Enforcement Officer and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalty:

A violation of this article shall be a municipal civil infraction subject to the penalties established by section 1-8., Municipal Civil Infractions, of the Scio Township Cde. Each day a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of any penalty shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements herein.

SECTION VII. Inconsistencies Repealed:

Any and all other ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VIII. Severability:

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part hereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION IX. Saving Clause:

That nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION X. Effective Date:

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days following publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Scio Township Board of Trustees in a meeting duly called and held on February 9, 2021.

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

William Hathaway, Township Supervisor

Jessica M. Flintoft, Township Clerk

ADOPTED: February 9, 2021
PUBLISHED: February 25, 2021
EFFECTIVE: March 4, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessica M Flintoft, Clerk of the Township of Scio, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Township Ordinance number 2021-01, an amendment to Code of Ordinances of the Township of Scio, and was adopted by the Scio Township Board of Trustees on the 9th day of February 2021, and given publication in the Washtenaw Legal News, a newspaper of general circulation, on the 4th day of March 2021. The following members of the Scio Township Board of Trustees voted as follows in connection with this resolution to adopt the above amendatory ordinance.

AYES: Hathaway, Palmer, Flintoft, Courteau, Jerome, Knol, Vogel

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 23rd day of February 2021

Jessica M Flintoft, Clerk
Township of Scio