

**ORDINANCE 173**  
**DOG ORDINANCE**

The Charter Township of Larkin ordains: An Ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs and to provide penalties for violation thereof.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large beyond the premises of its owner unless under reasonable control of the owner or his agent.

Section 2. No person shall harbor or keep any dog which by loud or frequent or habitual barking or yelping or howling shall cause a serious annoyance to persons on adjoining property or in the neighborhood or persons passing upon the public streets. No person shall maintain any dog which shall create a nuisance either by unpleasant odor or contamination dangerous to the public health.

Section 3. Any person or other entity who violates any provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan law and subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.00, plus costs, which may include all direct or indirect expenses to which the Township has been put in connection with the violation. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, all violations of this Ordinance are declared a nuisance per se. The Township specifically reserves the right and shall have the authority to proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order or other appropriate remedy to abate said nuisance and to compel compliance with this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective Thirty (30) days after publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Township Board, Charter Township of Larkin, Midland County, Michigan.

Ordinance No. 173, adopted March 13, 1990,  
Amended by Ordinance No. 215, adopted April 9th, 1996

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