

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY  
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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ORDINANCE NO. 1974 - 2

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AN ORDINANCE

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY,  
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE  
RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER PETS  
WITHIN THE BOROUGH; PROVIDING FOR THEIR DE-  
TENTION AND DESTRUCTION IN CERTAIN CASES; AND  
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

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BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of Shrews-  
bury Borough, York County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted  
and ordained as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or  
keeper of any dog, cat or other pet to allow such dog, cat or other  
pet to run at large at any time either upon any of the roads, alleys,  
or public grounds of the Borough, or upon the property of anyone other  
than the owner, custodian or keeper of such dog, cat or other pet,  
unless accompanied by and under the immediate control of such owner,  
custodian or keeper.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of every police officer of the  
Borough, and/or any dog officer appointed by the Borough, to seize  
and detain any dog, cat or other pet which is found running at large  
in violation of Section 1 hereof. It shall be the privilege of  
every police officer of the Borough and/or dog officer appointed by  
the Borough to kill any such dog, cat or other pet which is found  
running at large and is deemed after due consideration by such  
official to constitute a threat to the public health and welfare.

SECTION 3. Any dog, so seized and detained and bearing a proper license tag shall be properly kept and fed, and immediate notice, either personal or by registered mail, shall be given to the person in whose name the license was procured, or his agent, to claim such dog within ten days. Any cat or other pet so seized and detained and bearing a tag identifying the name and address of the owner shall be properly kept and fed, and immediate notice, either personal or by registered mail shall be given to the person whose name appears on such tag to claim such cat or other pet within ten days. The owner of a dog, cat or other pet so detained shall pay a penalty of ten (\$10.00) dollars to the Borough of Shrewsbury, together with all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of its detention to the detaining parties before the dog, cat or other pet is returned. If, after ten days from the giving of such notice, such dog, cat or other pet has not been claimed, the detaining party or his agent, shall dispose of such dog, cat or other pet by sale or by destruction in some humane manner. All monies derived from the sale of such dog, cat or other pet, after payment of expenses in connection with its detention, shall be paid to the Borough Treasurer.

SECTION 4. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions hereof, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before any District Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars, together with costs of prosecution and, in default thereof, to undergo imprisonment in the York County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections of the ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council of Shrewsbury Borough that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, or section not been included herein.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED, this 1st day of May, 1974.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

Attest

W. Carl Scott  
/S/ W. Carl Scott

Secretary

Charles L. Sweeney  
By /S/ Charles L. Sweeney

President

Approved this 1st day of May, 1974.

Harry M. Bonner  
By /S/ Harry M. Bonner

Mayor