

TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
ORDINANCE NO. 461

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2,
ANIMALS, PART 2, PROHIBITING ANIMAL NUISANCES,
§2-203, OTHER NUISANCES, TO PROHIBIT THE
UNAUTHORIZED FEEDING OF STRAY CATS, DOGS, OR
OTHER STRAY ANIMALS.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Baldwin, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

I. That the Baldwin Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Animals, Part 2, Prohibiting Animal Nuisances, §2-203, Other Nuisances, is hereby amended to add a new sub-section (§§2-203.3), which shall read in full as follows:

Section 2-203.3.

3. *Unauthorized Feeding or Providing Care and Sustenance to Stray Cats, Dogs, or other Stray Animals is Prohibited as a Nuisance:* *It is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and shall be unlawful, for any person to intentionally provide food, water, or other forms of sustenance or care to any stray, feral, free-roaming, or homeless cat, dog, or other stray animal, or to allow other persons to engage in such activities on his/her property. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall prohibit the Township Board of Commissioners from issuing, upon request, a special permit to allow authorized person(s), group(s), or benevolent association(s) to engage in such activities on designated public or private lands, but only if conducted as part of an approved comprehensive program under which such person(s), group(s), or association(s) agree to assume full responsibility for such animals by providing the animal(s) with continued humane treatment including proper food, water, shelter, veterinarian care, rabies vaccination, and altering (i.e., spaying or neutering).*

II. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and, should any provisions hereof be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, inasmuch as the Board of Commissioners hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsection, sentence, clause or phrases be declared unconstitutional. Therefore, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

III. That all ordinances or portions of ordinances which conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

IV. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon being recorded in the Township Ordinance Book or as otherwise provided under law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 26th day of November, 2012.

ATTEST:

THE TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

Mary McSealey
Secretary

Eileen Frisoli
Eileen Frisoli, President