

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OR HARBORING OF BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.R.C. 955.10

The Board of Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 6th day of April, 2026, with the following members present:

Mark Van Buren

Eric Smith

Ray Foor

Eric Smith moved the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, R.C. 955.10(B)(2) authorizes the Township to adopt resolutions to control dogs within the township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio has received numerous and ongoing complaints regarding barking or howling dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary to control the nuisance of dogs which howl, bark, or emit audible sounds in a manner which disturbs the peace and lives of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, that:

(A) Definitions

Plainly Audible – As used in this Resolution, plainly audible means noise or sound that can be clearly heard and is discernable by a person using normal hearing faculties or ordinary auditory senses not enhanced by any mechanical device, such as a microphone or hearing aid, as barking, howling or other noise being made by a dog.

(B) Barking or Howling Dogs.

1. No owner, keeper, or harbinger shall keep or harbor within the unincorporated area of the township any dog which, at any time of day or night, continually or intermittently howls or barks, or emits any audible sounds or noises for a period of time exceeding fifteen (15) consecutive minutes that are of such an intensity so as to be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet or more from the property from which the howling, barking, or audible sounds or noises emanate and which are disturbing to the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or are detrimental to the life and health of any individual.
2. Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged, or fed within any dwelling, building, yard, or enclosure, which that person occupies or owns, shall be considered as harboring such dog.

(C) None of the provisions of division (B) hereof shall apply to the use of any dog which is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting while accompanied by a licensed hunter or to any dog engaged in herding or corralling of animals for an agricultural purpose. However, such dogs at all other times and in all other respects, shall be subject to this Resolution, unless actually in the field and engaged in hunting or in legitimate training for such purposes.

