

**WILD, DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS ORDINANCE**  
**Ordinance No. 655**  
**Adopted: March 6, 2006**

An ordinance providing for the regulation of wild, dangerous and vicious animals in the Charter Township of Fenton.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, COUNTY OF GENESEE, MICHIGAN  
ORDAINS

**SECTION 1. Purpose**

To protect the health and safety of township residents, while allowing the responsible breeding, sale and ownership of unusual and exotic animals, this ordinance is intended to regulate the breeding, sale and ownership of animals that pose a threat to the residents in the township.

**SECTION 2. Definitions**

**A. Wild Animal**

Any living member of the animal kingdom, including those born or raised in captivity, except the following: domestic dogs (excluding hybrids with coyotes or jackals and hybrids that are 50% or more wolf), domestic cats (excluding hybrids with ocelots or margays), farm animals, rodents, wild, and captive-bred species of common cage birds. With regard to wolf hybrids, a pedigree or other certified documentation must be furnished to the Township to demonstrate compliance with this section.

**B. Dangerous Animal**

Any animal with the demonstrated capability to inflict serious physical harm on a human being, including venomous reptiles, insects or arachnids and large carnivorous animals as defined in PA 274 of 2000.

**C. Vicious Animal**

Any animal that attacks, bites or injures human beings or domesticated animals without adequate provocation, or which because of temperament, conditioning or training, has a known propensity to attack, bite, or injure human beings or domesticated animals.

**SECTION 3. Regulations**

Upon receipt of a written, verifiable complaint, or as a result of a documented attack, the Township shall investigate. If the Ordinance Enforcement Officer (OEO) determines that a person has a wild, dangerous or vicious animal that poses a potential threat to residents of the Township, the OEO shall order the animal removed from the Township within a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days.

**SECTION 4. Enforcement and Penalties**

This ordinance will be enforced by the Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Violations of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing

herein contained shall prevent the Township from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

**SECTION 5. Validity**

Each section of this ordinance, and each provision of each section, is hereby declared to be separable, and the holding of any section or provision thereof to be invalid or unenforceable shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section or provision.

**SECTION 6. Repeal**

All other ordinances or resolutions, insofar as the same or any part thereof may be inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall take effect thirty (30) days following publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Fenton Charter Township Board held on the 6th day of March 2006.

**Bonnie K. Mathis, Supervisor**

**Robert E. Krug, Clerk**