

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2018

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Roann has undertaken to establish this Animal Control Ordinance to protect the public health and safety of its citizens and to promote the general welfare of the citizens and animals within the Town limits. Animal ownership is allowed and welcomed within the Town; however, strong emphasis is placed on responsible ownership of animals. Animal owners are encouraged to respect the rights of their fellow citizens. Primary responsibility is placed upon animal owners to properly train and/or secure their animals so as to prevent them from causing injuries, damages, and/or creating nuisances.

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Ordinance supplement all laws, ordinances and regulations of the County of Wabash and the State of Indiana covering the same subject matter.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED, RESOLVED and ESTABLISHED as follows:

1. **Animals Running at Large:** It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having in his possession any dog to allow such dog to be at large without the owner or person in charge thereof having direct physical control over such dog. For the purposes hereof, the term "at large" means off the premises of the owner or custodian of the animal.
2. **Number of Animals :** It shall be unlawful and a public nuisance for any person in charge of a residence to keep or allow to be kept more than four dogs or four cats, or any combination of such animals exceeding four in number, over the age of 180 days at such residence.
3. **Wild or Inherently Dangerous Animals:** It shall be unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to keep or allow to be kept any wild or inherently dangerous animal.
4. **Animal Waste:** Any person responsible for an animal shall immediately remove the Animal's excrement from public property and private property of another Person.
5. **Animal Noise Control:** It shall be unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to own, keep, or harbor a dog or other animal that causes prolonged barking, yelping, whining, howling, or the making of other sounds common to its species such that it creates an undue annoyance to individuals residing in the neighborhood or a public disturbance.

6. Animal Abandonment: It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon or cause to be abandoned an Animal in, on or about any public or private premises, structure, or other location.

7. Enforcement: This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Roann Town Marshall and any other law enforcement officer having the authority to enforce ordinances enacted by the Town of Roann.

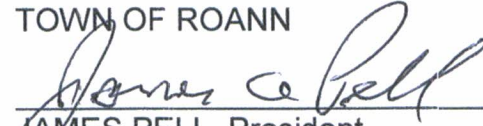
8. Penalties: Any individual who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject for each offense to a fine or penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).


9. Payment: Any such fine shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the notice of violation. All payments shall be made in cash, certified bank check or money order payable to the Town of Roann and delivered to the Clerk-Treasurer.

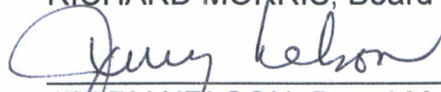
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Town Board.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2019.

TOWN OF ROANN

  
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JAMES PELL, President

  
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RICHARD MORRIS, Board Member

  
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JERRY NELSON, Board Member

**ATTEST:**

  
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ROBERT M. FERGUSON, JR.  
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Roann