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**Sec. 4-16. - Short title.**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Township of Macomb Dog Ordinance."

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0103, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-17. - License required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, maintain, keep or harbor any dog within the corporate limits of the township without first obtaining a license therefor as required by Act No. 339, page 603 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1919 (MCL 287.266 et seq., MSA 12.516 et seq.), as amended.

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0201, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-18. - Confinement; removal of license tag; strays.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any female dog to permit the female dog to go beyond the premises of such owner when she is in heat, unless the female dog is held properly in leash; or for any person except the owner or authorized agent to remove any license tag from a dog; or for any owner to allow any dog, except working dogs such as leader dogs, guard dogs, farm dogs, hunting dogs and other such dogs, when accompanied by their owner or his authorized agent, while actively engaged in activities for which such dogs are trained, to stray unless held properly in leash.

(Ord. No. 15, §§ 15.0202, 15.0205, 15.0207, 3-8-67)

**State law reference—** Similar provisions, MCL 287.262, MSA 12.512.

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**Sec. 4-19. - Impoundment—Required; redemption; destruction or sale of unredeemed dogs.**

It shall be the duty of the animal control officer or any police officer employed or elected by the county or the township to seize and impound any dog found anywhere in the township contrary to the provisions of the article. No dog so impounded shall be released to its owner or other authorized person without the payment of such sum as may be prescribed by the animal control officer or police officer for the care and maintenance of any dog thus seized and impounded, and without procuring a license as provided in this article. The animal control officer or police officer shall, within seventy-two (72) hours after impounding any dog, destroy such animal or, if it is deemed valuable, sell it to the highest bidder after seventy-two (72) hours.

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0203, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-20. - Same—Records.**

The animal control officer shall maintain a complete record of all dogs impounded under the provisions of this article and the disposition of the dogs.

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0204, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-21. - Reports of persons bitten.**

If any person is bitten by a dog, it shall be the duty of that person or the owner or custodian of the dog having knowledge of the biting to report the biting to the animal control officer or any police officer within twelve (12) hours thereafter. If the owner or custodian of any dog has any reason to believe or suspect that such dog has become infected with rabies, it shall be the duty of that person to report such belief or suspicion to the animal control officer within twelve (12) hours thereafter.

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0206, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-22. - Noisy dogs.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or keep any dog which shall cause annoyance or disturbance to persons by frequent and habitual barking, howling and yelping.

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0208, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-23. - Vicious dogs.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit a vicious, fierce or dangerous dog to be unconfined and unrestrained on such person's premises.

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0209, 3-8-67)

**Sec. 4-24. - Enforcement; sworn complaint; court hearing.**

Any person who has knowledge or facts which constitute a violation of this article may, upon sworn complaint to any court of competent jurisdiction, request that a summons be issued to show cause why such dog should not be killed. Such court may, upon such hearing, either order the dog killed or confined

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to the premises of the owner. If the owner disobeys such an order he shall be liable to be punished as provided in [section 1-9](#).

(Ord. No. 15, § 15.0301, 3-8-67)

**Secs. 4-25—4-40. - Reserved.**

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FOOTNOTE(S):

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<sup>(8)</sup> **State Law reference**— Dog laws, MCL 287.261 et seq., MSA 12.511 et seq.; dog license, MCL 287.266 et seq., MSA 12.516 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)