## Town of Hammond

## Amendment to Ordinance 2016-002 DOGS & MISCELLANEOUS ANIMAL PROVISIONS

**SECTION IX - BARKING DOGS** 

The Town of Hammond does not regulate issues relating to dogs barking

SECTION IX is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

A. RESTRICTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to keep or harbor any dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps to the great discomfort of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or in such a manner as to materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities. Such dogs are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

B. WRITTEN NOTICE. Whenever any person shall complain to the Town Animal Control/Animal Humane Officer, Town Chairman, or County Law Enforcement Agency that a dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps is being kept by a person in the town, the Town Animal Control/Animal Humane Officer shall notify the owner of said dog that a complaint has been received and that the person should take whatever steps necessary to alleviate the barking, howling or yelping.

C. WARNING. If the warning given to the person alleged to be keeping a dog as set forth in Section IX (B) is ineffective, then a verified complaint of at least two (2) residents of separate households may be presented to the Town Animal Control/Animal Humane Officer that a dog which habitually barks, howls or yelps is being kept by any person within the town. The Town Animal Control/ Animal Humane Officer shall inform the owner of such dog that said petition has been received and shall cite the owner of the dog for the violation in said petition.

D. CITATION. The citation amount for violating this section is covered in the Town of Hammond Citation Ordinance 2015-1. Notification under this section shall be either by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested.

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January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2023
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