

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

THE REDEMPTION IS MADE THAT SAME DAY.

SECTION F - CONFINEMENT OF FIERCE,
DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS DOGS

A. EVERY FIERCE, DANGEROUS, OR VICIOUS DOG, INCLUDING A DOG THAT HAS A HISTORY OF BITING A HUMAN, SHALL BE CONFINED BY THE OWNER WITHIN A BUILDING OR SECURE ENCLOSURE. SUCH ANIMAL SHALL NOT BE TAKEN OUT OF SUCH BUILDING OR SECURE ENCLOSURE UNLESS SECURELY MUZZLED.

B. EVERY FEMALE DOG WHILE IN HEAT SHALL BE KEPT CONFINED IN A BUILDING OR SECURE ENCLOSURE BY THE OWNER IN SUCH A MANNER THAT SHE WILL NOT BE IN CONTACT (EXCEPT FOR INTENTIONAL BREEDING PURPOSES) WITH ANOTHER DOG AND NOT CREATE A NUISANCE BY ATTRACTING OTHER DOGS.

C. A DOG WHICH DISTURBS THE PEACE AND QUIET OF ANY NEIGHBORHOOD IN AN INHABITED AREA BY EXCESSIVE BARKING, WHINNING OR HOWLING, OR MOLESTING PASSERSBY, CHASING VEHICLES, ATTACKING OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS, DEPOSITING EXCRETORY MATTER ON PROPERTY OTHER THAN THAT OF THE OWNER SHALL BE DEEMED A NUISANCE.

D. UPON THE WRITTEN COMPLAINT OF ANY PERSON TO THE DOG WARDEN THAT A DOG IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE, THE DOG WARDEN, WHO SHALL BE DEPUTIZED AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF BY THE SHERIFF OF KENT COUNTY, SHALL ISSUE A SUMMONS TO THE OWNER OR KEEPER OF SUCH DOG TO APPEAR BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT OF KENT COUNTY. UPON PROOF THAT THE DOG DISTURBS THE PEACE AND QUIET OF ANY NEIGHBORHOOD IN AN INHABITED AREA, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ORDER THE OWNER OR KEEPER TO DELIVER UP THE OFFENDING DOG TO THE DOG CONTROL WARDEN TO BE DESTROYED IN THE MOST HUMANE MANNER POSSIBLE, UNLESS HE REMOVES THE DOG PERMANENTLY FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IF THE OWNER OR KEEPER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER, THEN IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE SHERIFF OR HIS DEPUTIES OR THE DOG CONTROL WARDEN TO SEIZE THE DOG WHEREVER IT MAY BE FOUND AND CAUSE IT TO BE DESTROYED.

NOT WITHSTANDING THE AFOREGOING PROVISIONS, THE BARKING OF HUNTING DOGS IN PURSUIT OF GAME SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A DISTURBANCE OF THE PUBLIC PEACE FOR THE PURPOSES HEREOF.

SECTION G - EXEMPTIONS