

Commissioner Minutes of May 28, 2013

The Public Hearing to discuss the Gladwin County Animal Ordinance and Kennel Standards was called to order at 8:50 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Chairman Reid spoke on the proposed changes, reduction of citation fees and the positive changes the Animal Ordinance and Kennel Standards offer. Commissioners Carl and Birgel both commented that they have taken the information to their Townships with no resistance. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the Animal Ordinance and Kennel Standards with the effective date to take place 30 days from publication.* Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Walters – yes, Reid – yes, Whittington – yes, Birgel – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The Board then recessed at 8:56 until their regular session began.

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Reid.

Chairman Reid commented that he would be adding conversation to the agenda to include “cuts and consolidations made over the past several years” and the memo from the Financial Coordinator. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the consent agenda with the additions. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Whittington. *General Fund - \$138,331.24, which includes a \$655,000 advancement from Unallocated and \$250,000 from Gypsy Moth.*

Public Comments –

- *Vince Berry, Secord Township, questioned the Board where they were at with FEMA matters. Secord Township has been asked to verify addresses, but wonders what Mr. Evans is being paid to do, except to defend Lee Mueller. Mr. Berry stated that it feels like the situation is getting worse and not better, noting that Secord Township has been involved in this for 3 years and the Township has paid over \$19,000 to be involved with nothing getting done. Colin Combs, Secord Township Supervisor, commented that maps should have been sent to FEMA by now and asked if anyone has confirmed that those have been sent. The Board will schedule another FEMA meeting, or have Mr. Evans send out an update to the Townships.*
- *Tab Faber, Tobacco Township, commented that he has been coming to meetings on a regular basis for the past several months and has listened to the Board's budget struggle. Mr. Faber questioned between the last regular meeting and this meeting there was a special meeting that gave the authority back to the court to hire and employee in District Court and to pay the FOC employee that was not approved by the Board. Discussion. Chairman Reid commented that he felt an employee should not be put in the middle of Board issues and that the Board needed to work directly with the Courts on hiring of vacant positions. Discussion*

on potential litigation and grievances. Mr. Faber thanked the Board for their continued work on these issues.

Chairman Reid then reviewed the memo sent from the Financial Coordinator and read a list of savings that the County has worked on over the past several years. Chairman Reid commented that Mr. Hammerbacher is still concerned with the large fund balance deficit (over 1 million through May 2013). Discussion. The proposed cuts were read to include: Eliminate two (2) full time deputies, eliminate one (1) full time dispatcher, reduce two (2) full time correction officers to part time, and reduce Board Secretary to part time (21 hours/week). Chairman Reid asked the Board to consider these reductions, giving the Sheriff until Monday to meet with the Finance Committee to come up with \$200,000 to fund the reductions in their department before layoff notices are sent on June 3rd according to contract language. Commissioner Walters spoke on his concern with cash flow and making payroll. Chairman Reid stated that he has waited and stalled Mr. Hammerbacher's proposals and feels as though this is the time the Board needs to act. Discussion on borrowing money on a TAN. *Motion by Chairman Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to accept the memo by the Financial Coordinator to make the layoffs as outlined allowing the Sheriff to meet with the Finance Committee to come up with \$200,000 toward their reductions or will proceed to layoffs.* Discussion. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Reid – yes, Whittington – no, Birgel – yes, Carl – yes. 4 yes, 1 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Chairman Reid stated that he is very sympathetic to those affected, but the Board must rely on the Financial Coordinator, noting this is not politics; it is business. Commissioner Whittington stated that the Secretary prefers that the Board lay her off rather than reduce her hours and that she requests the Board go into Executive Session.

Mike Hargrave, Airport Manager, spoke on the new building that was to be built under grant dollars to house the snow removal equipment. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Chairman to sign the resolution in support after it has been drafted.* Roll call vote as follows: Reid – yes, Whittington – yes, Birgel – yes, Carl – yes, Walters – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2012-012 declared adopted**.

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to go into executive session to discuss the position of the Board Secretary. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to return to regular session. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to reduce the Secretary to 21 hours per week with no MERS benefit and to offer health insurance coverage for June, July and August with COBRA benefits to be offered to her effective September 1, 2013. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Chairman Reid thanked Carmen for agreeing to stay on part time, even though she preferred the layoff.

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That he attended Thunder on the Strip and cooked breakfast, noting it was a great program.
- On attending the Memorial Day ceremony at the honor roll. Emil Schmidt, a 101 year old veteran, was there.

Veterans Lost –

Andrew Eaton, Tobacco Township – WWII, Evert Karjala, Sage Township – Korea, Frank Rivett, City of Gladwin, Paul Brubaker, Grout Township – WWII.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That everything is going well in the Townships.
- That the Sherman Township Supervisor has GIS questions and would ask that Gina contact him as soon as possible.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he participated in the insurance webinar offered by Cadillac Insurance, noting the constant changes they are adapting to.
- On the NMAC meeting in Grayling, commenting that the committee is working on projects, but it is a slow process.
- That the Beaverton City meeting was cancelled due to the storm, but he did attend the Zoning Board of Appeals, Fair Board and Health Department meetings. Chairman Reid made the comment that there have been discussions on reducing the appropriations to various agencies and that a letter will go out shorting asking for cooperation.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- That he was not able to attend the Secord, Grim or Billings Township meetings due to the volume of meetings he had to attend here that were at the same time.
- On attending many Finance and Budget meetings.

Finance Matters:

1. District Court has been granted permission to fill the full time position in their office as long as it is filled internally. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to allow for the hiring of an internal employee to fill the vacancy in District Court. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Reid voting no.*

Comments from the Chairman:

- On meeting with John Shaffer from EMS regarding his 2013-14 budget. John spoke to the Finance Committee on their fund equity and in which areas they showed an increase and why. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the EMS budget as presented and reviewed. Roll call vote as follows: Whittington – yes, Birgel - yes, Carl – yes, Walters – yes, Reid – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The bids were then opened for the parks and rec equipment. Bid by William Mason was not considered because it did not meet the reserves placed on the equipment. Bid by Dan Grant for \$280.00 on the brush hog and \$180.00 on the back blade. These were the only bids received. The Board will re-advertise lowering the reserve on the tractor. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to accept the bids for the two pieces of equipment as read. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

- Chairman Reid then asked the Board their thoughts on working with the Townships on a countywide mosquito spray to help everyone reduce their costs. The Board was in favor of beginning talks on this process.
- The Clare County Sheriff's Reserve has tickets on sale for their annual fundraiser if anyone is interested.
- On the revisions to the 911 tower "shared costs" contract. The contract will be revised to include all repairs to the tower and utilities to be shared by the three entities that are currently paying for services.

Public Comments –

Sheriff Mike Shea spoke on the memo from the Financial Coordinator dated May 26th explaining that the \$239,000 that is proposed to be reduced has not changed even after "phase 1&2 plans" were given for consideration. Sheriff Shea also spoke on the comment that "the Board has been too generous with labor contracts" stating that his departments are all the lowest paid in the area. Discussion on issues with service when officers are eliminated. Sheriff Shea stated he does not agree with the Board acting on a "last minute" document that had not been reviewed by the department heads and that this continued action may lead them "down a bad path". Chairman Reid stated that he does not like to do any layoffs, but the Sheriff and Undersheriff need to sit down with Mr. Hammerbacher and discuss the numbers that are disputed. Discussion on 911 funding and millage revenue that is used to offset expenses. Chairman Reid again urged the Sheriff to speak to Mr. Hammerbacher on his concerns.

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to receive and file various correspondence and reports. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m., until June 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman

2013-012



GLADWIN COUNTY
BOARD OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT FOR A FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL AIRPORT PROJECT UNDER THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF GLADWIN AND THE CITY OF GLADWIN IN COOPERATION WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGN OF A SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT BUILDING, AS FURTHER DEFINED IN CONTRACT NO. FM 26-02-C26.

BE IT RESOLVED, by members of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, Michigan:

Section 1. That the Airport Committee Chairman of the City of Gladwin is hereby authorized to execute the contract acting on behalf of the County of Gladwin.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Birgel and supported by Commissioner Walters.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reid, Whittington, Carl & Walters
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Resolution adopted this 28th day of May 2013.

Josh Reid, Chairman
Gladwin County Board of Commissioners

Laura Brandon-Maveal
Gladwin County Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at their meeting held on May 28, 2012.

GLADWIN COUNTY ORDINANCE
ANIMALS

2013-001

- Section 1. Definitions
- Section 2. Keeping of certain animals prohibited
- Section 3. Cruelty to animals
- Section 4. Poisoning animals
- Section 5. Nuisance animals; confinement of female animals in heat
- Section 6. Animals at large
- Section 7. Number of dogs allowed
- Section 8. Animal licenses required; tags; fees
- Section 9. Dangerous and vicious animals
- Section 10. Reporting animal bites
- Section 11. Impounding animals; disposition if unclaimed
- Section 12. Rabies prevention and control
- Section 13. Enforcement
- Section 14. Penalties
- Section 15. Summary

An Ordinance for the purpose of providing for the control and licensing of various animals, providing for the enforcement thereof, and establishing penalties for violations thereof.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ANIMAL. Any animal ,which is kept or harbored and which is commonly called a pet, but including animals which may be kept or harbored at times for guard, shepherd or similar purposes.

AT LARGE. An animal shall be deemed to be at large when off the property of the owner and not under restraint.

HARBOR. Any person who feeds or shelters an animal or allows an animal to remain about their premises whether owned or occupied.

NEUTERED. Rendered permanently incapable of reproduction.

OWNER. When applied to the proprietorship of an animal shall include any person having a right of property in an animal, and any person who keeps or harbors an animal or has it in their care, and any person who permits an animal to remain on or about their premises whether owned or occupied.

RESTRAINT. An animal shall be considered under restraint if it is within the real property limits of its owner, or secured by a leash or lead attended by a person, or fixed securely to an immovable object.

VERMIN. Rats, mice, moles or other similar rodents commonly considered pests.

SECTION 2. KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

No person shall keep, harbor, own or in any way possess:

(A) Any warm-blooded, carnivorous or omnivorous primate, raccoon, skunk, fox, wild or exotic cat.

(B) Any fowl, swine, sheep, cows, llama, buffalo, horses, mares, mules, goats, bulls or stags or any other animal commonly considered a farm animal, except in areas for which the keeping of such animals would be in conformity with the Zoning Ordinance of the County or local municipality, whichever shall apply, or be qualified under the provisions of the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

(C) Any mink, ferrets, rabbits or other such animals commonly raised for laboratory, research or other commercial purposes, except in areas for which the keeping of such animals would be in conformity with the Zoning Ordinance of the County or local municipality, whichever shall apply, or be qualified under the provisions of the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

(D) Any animal having poisonous bites.

SECTION 3. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

No person shall neglect, cruelly treat or abuse any animal.

SECTION 4. POISONING ANIMALS.

(A) No person shall throw or deposit any poisonous substance on any exposed public or private place where it endangers, or is likely to endanger, any animal.

(B) The meaning of this Section shall not be construed so as to prohibit the use of poisons commonly used for the destruction of vermin, when such poisons are used in accordance with instructions for use or for the purpose for which they are manufactured.

SECTION 5. NUISANCE ANIMALS; CONFINEMENT OF FEMALE ANIMALS IN HEAT.

(A) The following shall be deemed a public nuisance per se, and the owner deemed in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance:

(1) Any animal which shall injure or destroy real or personal property of persons other than its owner;

(2) Any animal which shall molest or injure any person; or

(3) Any animal which shall cause unsanitary conditions because of droppings, uneaten food, or any other thing to cause odor or attraction of flies or vermin.

(4) Every female animal in heat unless the animal 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 animal nor create a nuisance by attracting other animals.

SECTION 6. ANIMALS AT LARGE.

No person who owns, possesses or harbors a dog shall allow such dog to run without restraint. This provision shall not be considered to apply to dogs engaged

in lawful hunting activities which are under the direct supervision of the owner and which are trained in the sport of hunting, nor to cats.

SECTION 7. NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED.

No person shall possess, harbor, shelter, keep or have custody of more than five (5) dogs, at any time, that are four (4) months old or older on the same premises in the County except in veterinary hospitals, clinics, pet shops, kennels or similar permitted uses in properly zoned districts or when such veterinary hospitals, clinics, pet shops, kennels and similar uses validly exist pursuant to the applicable Zoning Ordinance. Any person who allows a dog to habitually remain within or on his or her premises shall be considered as having custody of the dog within the meaning of this Section.

SECTION 8. DOG LICENSES REQUIRED; TAGS; FEES.

(A) License required. No person, firm, corporation, kennel, pet shop or other establishment shall possess, harbor, shelter, keep or have custody of any scheduled animal that is four (4) months old or older or maintain a kennel without first having obtained a license.

(B) Application. On or before February 28 of each year, the owner of any scheduled animal that is four (4) months old or over and any kennel owner or operator shall apply to the County Treasurer at such locations as are designated by the Treasurer for a license for each such animal owned or kennel, possessed or harbored by him or her and upon payment of the license fee, the office shall issue a license to the owner for a term commencing from the date of the license and terminating the first day of the following year. The application for a license shall be accompanied for scheduled kennels by proof of vaccination of the animal for rabies, if the animal is a common carrier hereof, in the form of a valid certificate of vaccination for rabies, with a vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, signed by an accredited veterinarian and for kennels, proof of compliance with the kennel license standards of construction and operation, as determined from time to time by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners, which on-going compliance shall be a condition of kennel operation. The applicant for a license shall give his full name and address and the age and description of the animal. The Treasurer may make payment to designees for services performed.

(C) Tags; License fees. A license fee, the amount which shall be established by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, shall be collected before issuing the license. The Treasurer or designee shall deliver to the applicant an animal or kennel tag or permit duly stamped and engraved as may be determined by the Treasurer. License fees may be waived for animals serving the blind or deaf or government-owned animals used for law enforcement. All other licensing provisions shall apply.

(D) Enforcement. The Board of Commissioners by resolution may waive any or all licensing requirements under this Section upon application by a local jurisdiction which shall enforce its own licensing requirements.

(E) Scheduled animals. The Board of Commissioners shall adopt a schedule of animals or operations for which licenses are required under this Section, together with the license fees applicable thereto, including any surcharges for late payment or payment method. The schedule may be amended from time to time by the Board of Commissioners. An Ordinance amendment shall not be required for changes to the schedule of animals or license amount.

Section 9. DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS.

(A) Definitions. For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(1) DANGEROUS ANIMAL means an animal that, without provocation, has chased or approached in either a menacing fashion or an apparent attitude of attack, or has attempted to bite or otherwise endanger any person, while that animal is off the premises of its owner, keeper or harbinger and not under the reasonable control of its owner, keeper, harbinger or some other responsible person, or not physically restrained or confined in a locked pen which has a top, locked fenced yard or other locked enclosure which has a top.

(2) DANGEROUS ANIMAL also includes:

(a) Any animal which in a vicious or terrorizing manner, approaches any person in apparent attitude of attack while upon the street, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places;

(b) Any animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition

to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals;

(c) Any animal which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation; or

(d) Any animal owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of animal fighting, or any animal trained for animal fighting, or any animal trained to attack people or other animals.

(e) No animal shall be deemed dangerous only because it bites, attacks or menaces a trespasser on the property of its owner or harms or menaces anyone who has tormented or abused it. Trespasser shall not include a person who approaches a dwelling or other building during daylight hours for the purpose of social or business activities. The posting of a "Dangerous Animal", "No Trespassing" or similar sign shall not cause this limitation to be inapplicable.

(3) DANGEROUS ANIMAL does not include a police dog that has chased or approached in either a menacing fashion or an apparent attitude of attack, or has attempted to bite or otherwise endanger, any person while the police dog is being used to assist one or more law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

MENACING FASHION or TERRORIZING MANNER. The terms mean that an animal would cause any person being chased or approached to reasonably believe that the animal will cause physical injury to that person.

POLICE DOG. A dog that has been trained, and may be used, to assist one or more law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

VICIOUS ANIMAL. An animal that, without provocation, has killed or caused serious injury to any person or animal. VICIOUS ANIMAL does not include either of the following:

(1) A police dog that has killed or caused serious injury to any person or that has caused injury, other than killing or serious injury, to any person while the police dog is being used to assist one or more law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties; or

(2) An animal that has killed or caused serious injury to any person while a person was committing or attempting to commit a trespass or other criminal offense on the property of the owner, keeper or harbinger of the animal, provided that trespass is subject to the limitation in Section 9 (2) (e) above.

WITHOUT PROVOCATION means that an animal was not teased, tormented or abused by a person, or the animal was not coming to the aid or the defense of a person who was not engaged in illegal or criminal activity and who was not using the animal as a means of carrying out such activity.

(B) Proscribed Conduct.

(a) No person shall own or harbor any animal for the purpose of animal fighting, train or, torment, badger, bait or use any animal for the purpose of causing or encouraging such animal to commit unprovoked attacks upon human beings or domestic animals.

(b) No person shall possess with intent to sell or offer for sale, breed, buy or attempt to buy, within the County, any dangerous or vicious dog.

(C) Administration.

(a) If a law enforcement agent has probable cause to believe that a dangerous or vicious animal is being harbored or cared for the law enforcement agent may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to order the seizure and impoundment of the dangerous or vicious animal.

(b) Any dangerous or vicious animal which attacks a human being or another domestic animal may be ordered destroyed when, in the Court's judgment, such dangerous or vicious animal represents a continuing threat of serious harm to human beings or domestic animals.

(c) Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Section shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food and veterinary expenses, necessitated by the seizure of any animal for the protection of the public, and such other expenses as may be required for the destruction of such animal.

Section 10. REPORTING ANIMAL BITES.

If any person is bitten by an animal, it shall be the duty of that person, or the owner or custodian of the animal having knowledge of the same, to report such fact to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the place at which the bite occurred or the Animal Control Department within twelve (12) hours thereafter. It shall be the duty of every person owning, possessing or harboring an animal which has been attacked or bitten by another animal showing symptoms of rabies to immediately notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction or the Animal Control Department. No person shall refuse to show or exhibit, at any reasonable time, any animal which he or she is harboring, sheltering or keeping in his or her possession or custody to any municipal inspector, police officer, health official or Animal Control Officer.

Section 11. IMPOUNDING ANIMALS; DISPOSITION IF UNCLAIMED.

Any animal not under restraint found on highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks or public places of the County, or any animal restrained by a person which has found an animal at large may be immediately impounded by a police officer or the Animal Control Officer and a charge as determined by resolution of the Board of Commissioners may be made for such impoundment. All animals not claimed and released within five (5) business days after being impounded may be destroyed, sold or disposed of as deemed appropriate by the County Animal Shelter, under guidelines approved by the Board of Commissioners. Business days shall be days during which the County officers are open for public patronage.

Section 12. RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

No person shall own or harbor a vicious animal or an animal that has been bitten by any animal known to be afflicted with rabies. Any person who shall have in his possession an animal which has contracted, or is suspected of having contracted rabies or which has been bitten by any animal known to have been afflicted with rabies shall, upon demand of the health officer, or any police officers or designated authority of the County, produce and surrender such animal to the Gladwin County Health Department or Police Department of a city or Animal Control to be held for observation or treatment. With approval of the County Health Department any such animal may instead be surrendered to a registered veterinarian.

Section 13. ENFORCEMENT.

(A) This Chapter shall be enforced by the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department and the County Animal Control Department and any deputies thereof, or any other proper person authorized by the Board of Commissioners. They are hereby authorized and empowered to serve a summons for a violation of this Chapter and to issue and serve appearance tickets in lieu of a summons for said violation.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, prevent or hinder any officer in the enforcement of this chapter or the performance of any act required or authorized by this Chapter.

(C) The Board of Commissioners may appoint an attorney for the enforcement of this Ordinance, if the Prosecuting Attorney concurs.

Section 14. PENALTIES.

(A) Violation of the Ordinance shall be considered a municipal civil infraction with a penalty of a fine up to Two Hundred and No/100 (\$200.00) Dollars, together with Court and prosecution costs as determined by the Court, except as provided in paragraph (B) below.

(B) Violation of Sections 3, 4, 9 (B) (a), 9 (B) (b), and 13 (B) shall be considered as a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to Two Hundred and No/100 (\$200.00) Dollars, together with costs of prosecution and Court costs as determined by the Court.

Section 15. SUMMARY.

It is not the intention that this Ordinance shall be exclusive and proceedings may be brought under the provision of State statute in lieu of proceedings under this Ordinance. It is not the intention further of this Ordinance to make lawful any act or conduct what is unlawful under the laws of the State of Michigan. Any local ordinance may be enforced by the local municipality.

GLADWIN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**ANIMAL KENNEL LICENSE STANDARDS
OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION**

[Effective _____]

1. Kennels shall be located only in structures which are separate from a dwelling house, including any garages or storage areas attached to the dwelling house.
2. Kennels shall be of sufficient size such that the animal may freely exercise without contact with animal waste.
3. Each animal enclosure (often referred to as a "run") must contain a shelter from elements and shade from sunlight.
4. Straw or other bedding shall be provided for each animal (not including blankets or other cloth items) and bedding shall be maintained in a clean and orderly fashion.
5. Animals maintained by reason of the kennel license shall be kept in the kennel except during periods of exercise, hunting, breeding, trail, show or veterinary activity.
6. Animals maintained in a kennel shall have rabies vaccinations in the same fashion as other animals under the Animal Control Ordinance.
7. Kennel licenses do not apply to animals customarily maintained by the licensee in a dwelling house (including non-kennel structures), with the usual license to be obtained for each such animal.
8. Kennels shall be inspected at least annually, provided that a condition of kennel licensure shall include the continuing right of monitoring the operation by an authorized representative of the County Animal Control office. Failure to continue compliance with these conditions may result in revocation of the license.
9. Inspections for licensure shall be valid for thirty (30) days, with a reinspection to be performed if a license is not obtained within thirty (30) days of an inspection.

10. Fees for inspections and kennel licensure are set forth in the Schedule of Fees approved by the Board of Commissioners.

11. The Animal Control Officer and the Treasurer may grant a grace period for kennel licensure, up to May 31 of each year.

12. No kennel may exceed twenty-five (25) animals.

Adopted by Resolution of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
on May _____, 2013.

Clerk