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RE: **Pet Rules, Regulations and Ordinances**

Dear Cherry Hill Village Resident:

While the vast majority of CHV residents are very considerate of their neighbors, this communication is simply intended to remind all CHV I and CHV II residents of the CHVHA and Canton Township animal or pet rules/ordinances.

Herriman & Associates has received multiple complaints of some pet owners not cleaning up after their pet and being loose or walked without leashes.

We ask that you please abide by the Bylaws which state that **No dogs or other pets shall be permitted to have excretions on any Common Elements, except areas designated by the Association, if any, and Owners shall be responsible to clean-up any such excretions. ALL PETS SHALL BE KEPT ON A LEASH WHEN NOT IN THE APPLICABLE UNIT OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE UNIT'S FULLY ENCLOSED REAR YARD.**

Article VI, section 4; Animals or Pets

The Association may also assess fines for such violation of the restrictions imposed by this section or by any applicable rules and regulations of the Association.

If you, as a resident, are comfortable approaching a pet owner about his or her failure to abide by the rules and regulations, by all means, do so. In any event, any resident is welcome to report violations of the rules and regulations to the management firm. In order for the management firm to be able to communicate with the offending pet owner, we need enough information to identify the offending party. Alleged violations should be communicated to me, Jeff McDuff, via email and should include identifying information about the pet owner, the date and approximate time of the alleged violation and the nature of the alleged violation. My email address is jmcduff@herriman.net. Although the notice of an alleged violation need not include the name of the complainant, should the matter escalate to requiring a hearing, it may be necessary for the complainant to be present at such hearing. If the complainant chose to not appear, we would likely have to withdraw the complaint.

Below are Canton Township ordinances for related animal/pet issues.

Chapter 14 Animals, Article I. In General

Sec. 14-7. Running at large; immunization required.

(a) Every animal shall be confined upon the premises of its owner except when the animal is leashed and otherwise under the reasonable control of the owner as designated by this chapter.

(b) No dog shall be permitted at any time to be on a public highway or street, or in a public park, public building, or any other public place, or in any place to which the public is generally invited:

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- (1) Except when restrained by or under the reasonable control of the owner thereof or another responsible person, or when confined in a shipping receptacle or vehicle, or when on the premises of a duly-authorized dog training facility or dog park; and
- (2) Unless such dog shall have been immunized against rabies and distemper.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any owner of an animal to allow or permit the animal to run at large, or to enter onto the private property of another without the express permission of the owner or occupant of the private property.

Sec. 14-10. Sanitation.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to soil, defile, defecate, or commit any nuisance on a public thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypass, play area, park, or any place where people congregate or walk, or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without permission of the owner of such property, unless:

(1) Such owner shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by such animal by any sanitary method, and for such purposes shall possess a container of sufficient size to collect and remove the above-mentioned droppings and exhibit the container if requested by any official empowered to enforce this chapter.

(2) The droppings removed from the aforementioned areas shall be disposed of by the owner of such animal in a sanitary method on the property of the owner of such animal.

(b) Yards shall be kept free of accumulated animal droppings and shall be maintained in a sanitary manner so as not to be a nuisance because of odor, attraction of flies or vermin, or be likely to cause contamination to sewers or waterways.

(c) Nothing in this section is intended to supersede or invalidate any property maintenance provisions set forth in [chapter 78](#) of this Code.

(d) Any person violating this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The fine for a violation of this section shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second offense and four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for a third or subsequent offense.

We appreciate your assistance with these matters.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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