

TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1033

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 65, ANIMALS, ARTICLE II, KEEPING AND POSSESSION REGULATIONS, SECTION 65-18, PROHIBITED ANIMALS, PARAGRAPH Z.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 990 adopted September 29, 2008, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Wilkins amended Chapter 65, Article II of the Wilkins Township Codified Book of Ordinances to eliminate inconsistencies with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, clarify the duties and responsibilities of owners, and define and prohibit certain types of nuisances; and

WHEREAS, this amendment eliminated former wording in the Ordinance that exempted “poultry (chickens, swans, geese, turkeys and guinea fowl)”, but permitted “cage birds, including parakeets, parrots, canaries, finches, lovebirds, myna birds and other birds ordinarily kept in cages in households, it excludes wild birds captured or rescued and kept in cages;” and

WHEREAS, it was the intent of the Board of Commissioners to allow the aforesaid regulations to remain as stated in the original legislation, i.e., prohibiting poultry and permitting cage birds, as hereinbefore defined.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Wilkins and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

Section I. The Code of the Township of Wilkins, Chapter 65, Article II, Section 65-18, Prohibited animals, Paragraph Z, is hereby amended to state:

“Poultry (ducks, chickens, swans, geese, turkey and guinea fowl) are prohibited. Cage birds, including parakeets, parrots, canaries, finches, lovebirds, myna birds and other birds ordinarily kept in cages in households, excluding wild birds captured or rescued and kept in cages are hereby permitted.”

Section II: Severability. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, section or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared

as the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Wilkins that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section III. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 29th day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS

Rebecca Bradley, Manager

Sylvia J. Martinelli, President