**County Code regarding animals**

Following are excerpts of the New Castle County Code relating to animal control:

Sec. 4.02.001 C 1, **Restraint and control of animals**

All dogs shall be kept under restraint at all times with restraint meaning any dog secured by a leash or lead not exceeding twenty (20) feet in length, within the real property limits of its owner, or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets.

For a violation of Subsection C.1, the penalty shall be a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) for the first offense, and a fine of not less than five hundred dollars ($500.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) for the second offense, and a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) nor more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for each subsequent offense.

Sec.. 4.02.003 B, **Dog or cat excrement**.

Any person who is the owner of or who has responsibility for one (1) or more dogs or cats shall immediately remove, in a sanitary manner, any fecal matter deposited by such dog or cat upon any street, sidewalk or park or upon any property without the consent of the owner or tenant of such property. It shall not be a violation of this subsection if such fecal matter is removed within one (1) hour. This subsection shall not apply to any person who because of loss or impairment of eyesight is accompanied by a dog described  as  a Seeing Eye dog or any dog educated by a recognized training agency or school and which is used as a leader or guide.

The complaining party shall file a complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction. Subsection B. shall only be enforced if the complaining party produces a witness to the act that constitutes a violation of this subsection. It is not the intent of this Section to require surveillance by the County Office of Complaints, the Delaware Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or any other County department or agency.

Sec. 22.02.007 B, **Noise Control, d Animals**

Owning, possessing, harboring or controlling any animal or bird which causes a noise disturbance by barking, baying, crying, squawking or by  making any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or which makes such noises intermittently for one-half (1/2) hour or more; provided, however, that at the time the animal or bird is  making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the animal or bird is situated or that no person other than the owner, controller of possessor of the animal was teasing or provoking the animal or bird at the time it mad such.

**State and County Codes relating to noise control**

The “**Noise Regulations of the State of Delaware**” are available at: <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title7/1000/1100/1149.shtml>. The complete State Code is at: <http://delcode.delaware.gov/>.

The **“Noise Control”** **section of the** **New Castle County Code** is at: <http://library.municode.com/HTML/14845/level3/PTIICO_CH22OFMIPR_ART2OFGE.html#PTIICO_CH22OFMIPR_ART2OFGE_S22.02.007NOCO>. The complete County Code is at: <http://www2.nccde.org/code/default.aspx>.