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To: Kennel Smart Dog PDD Evelyn Remines  
Date: February 2, 2020  
Subject: Proposed Bylaw Change, Kennel Bylaws, MODD

The following Change and rationale is submitted for Article II, Section 205.

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**ARTICLE II - POUNDS - Section 205 - Growls - Regular, Annual, Special and Staff**

**Currently reads:**

A. REGULAR - Each Pound shall hold no less than **four** regular assemblies during any fiscal year, which assemblies shall include the annual assembly of the Pound, for the election of officers.

**Change to read:**

A. REGULAR - Each Pound shall hold no less than **two** regular assemblies during any fiscal year, which assemblies shall include the annual assembly of the Pound, for the election of officers.

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**Rationale:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Our Pound covers the whole Upper Peninsula of Michigan, in addition to the Northern part of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, an area "In excess of" .. 16,377 square miles just for the U.P., plus the additional area in the Lower Peninsula. This makes travel to the Pound Growl a "planned" event, not a quick, spur of the moment trip. From the East End of the U.P. to the West End is about.. 225 miles. We have found that having two growls, allows us to function well, plan what we need, and complete our tasks. (Two mileage examples for us are: The one-way travel to the growl, at present for the Pound Keeper is about 66 miles, and the current Smart Dog about 112 miles, other members' mileage within the Upper Peninsula are similar. This is with a centrally located place for the growls, agreed on by the members.) We also understand there are other pounds with similar circumstances.

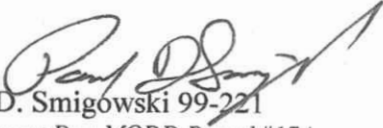
2<sup>nd</sup> - There already is a written exception to this requirement in the Kennel bylaws.  
This is in:

*ARTICLE II - POUNDS Section 201 - Definition*

- C. 2. .... as "Name of the State" Pound..... "and by reason of the wide geographical residency of the membership making it difficult to hold a "called" or "stated" Growl of the Pound, it shall be in order for such a Pound to convene any Growl of the Pound, only in concert with a Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc."

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Respectively Submitted

  
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