

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 2017 - 5

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AMENDING
CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
CAPTIONED "ANIMALS"**

WHEREAS, on a periodic basis the Township of Waterford reviews various Ordinances in order to maintain same in a current status; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing Chapter 94 of the Code of the Township of Waterford captioned "Animals", in Article I captioned "Dogs", it has been determined that certain amendments should be made to the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 94 of the Code of the Township of Waterford captioned "Animals", Article I captioned "Dogs", Section 22, shall be amended as follows:

The caption of Section 94-2 shall be revised from "Muzzling" to "**Prohibited Activities And Treatment**" and will state as follows:

A. Muzzling.

The Township Committee may designate any time during which dogs outside the premises shall be muzzled, such designation to be by publication at least three times in a newspaper in which legal notices of the township may be published, and after such publication no person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit it upon a public highway, public place or outside the premises occupied by the owner during the period designated unless such dog wears a muzzle securely fastened over its jaws in such a manner that it cannot bite.

B. Care of Animals

No owner, caretaker, guardian or handler shall withhold proper shelter, protection from weather, veterinary care and immune care to any animal. No owner, caretaker,

guardian or handler shall fail to provide his or her animal with sufficient food and drinkable water on a daily basis. Food and drinkable water must be in an animal food consumption or water consumption type container, feeder or waterer.

C. Unnecessary Suffering and Cruelty

No animal shall be subjected to unnecessary suffering and cruelty such as subjecting the animal to prolonged fear, injury, pain or physical abuse. Interaction with humans and other animals shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any individual, currently licensed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to practice veterinary medicine, who is acting within his or her scope of practice to deliver acceptable and medically sound veterinary care to an animal, shall be exempt from this section.

D. Extreme Weather

In extreme weather below 32 degrees and above 95 degrees and in major storms where evacuation is recommended, all outdoor dogs and indoor/outdoor cats (with the exception of feral cats) must be brought indoors whether tethered or kenneled, unless the kennel is a conditioned space where the animal is protected from this type adverse weather. A conditioned space is an area that a person should reasonably know would not pose an adverse risk to the health or safety of the animal based on the animal's size, physical condition or thickness of the animal's hair or fur.

SECTION 2.

Article 94-25 captioned "Violations and Penalties" shall be amended to include a new Section B which shall read as follows:

B. For any violation of this Article other than a kennel, shelter or pet shop, the penalty shall be assessed in accordance with Section 1-15 of the Waterford Township Code unless a penalty is specifically stated otherwise for a particular violation.

SECTION 3. Should any section or subsection declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, which are inconsistent with this amending Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was reintroduced with amendments and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, held on February 8, 2017. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held in the Waterford Township Municipal Building, 2131 Auburn Avenue, Atco, New Jersey, on February 22, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of this Ordinance shall be made immediately available at the Township Clerk's Office in said Municipal Building at no cost to those members of the general public requesting same.

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