

TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AS TO  
PET WASTE  
NO. 2024-6

WHEREAS, the Township of Deerfield to comply with implementation of the final Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (effective January, 2023), the permit contains general conditions municipalities are required to comply with the; and

WHEREAS, part of the conditions include adopting community wide ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members of the governing body thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

An Ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Township of Deerfield, so as to protect to public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet – a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet Solid Waste - waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. Proper Disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

SECTION 3. REQUIREMENT FOR DISPOSAL

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION 4. exemptions

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police and the Cumberland County Board of Health.

SECTION 6. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY

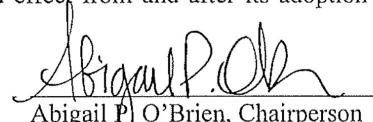
Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY

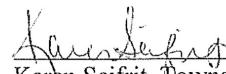
Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

  
Abigail P. O'Brien, Chairperson  
Township of Deerfield

ATTEST:

  
Karen Seifrit, Township Clerk  
Township of Deerfield

First Reading: April 3, 2024

Publication: April 9, 2024

Adoption: April 17, 2024

Publication of Final Adoption April 23, 2024

NOTICE

The foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, held on April 3, 2024 and will be considered for final reading and adoption by said governing body at a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Township of Deerfield Municipal Building, 736 Landis Avenue, Rosenhayn, New Jersey, at which time and place any person desiring to be heard upon the same will be given an opportunity to be so heard.