

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN LAKES
ORDINANCE NO. 1909**

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 157 “ANIMALS”
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN LAKES TO IMPOSE
FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF LICENSING AND OTHER PROVISIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin Lakes, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Section 157-2 “License required” of Article I “Dogs” of Chapter 157 “Animals” of the Code of the Borough of Franklin Lakes is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 157-2 License required.

- A. No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog within the Borough except in compliance with the provisions of this article and unless he first obtains a license and official metal registration tag therefor issued by the Borough upon application by the owner and payment of the prescribed fee.
- B. *Any person that shall fail to comply with the licensing provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine as follows: \$100 for a first offense; \$300 for a second offense; and \$500 for each subsequent offense thereafter.*

Section 2. Section 157-11 “Dogs prohibited from running at large and prohibited from playground areas and on playing fields” of Article I of Chapter 157 is hereby supplemented by the addition of the following:

- D. *Any person that violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine as follows: \$100 for a first offense; \$300 for a second offense; and \$500 for each subsequent offense thereafter.*

Section 3. Section 157-20 “License required” of Article IV “Cats” of Chapter 157 “Animals” of the Code of the Borough of Franklin Lakes is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 157-20 License required.

- A. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a cat of licensing age shall annually apply for and procure from the Borough a license and official registration tag with license number, or a registration sleeve, for each cat so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon such cat a collar or other device with the license number securely fastened or displayed. Acceptable methods of displaying license numbers shall include, but are not limited to, breakaway or elastic collars. License tags or sleeves are not transferable. In lieu of the use of a collar or other device as aforementioned, the license number and other pertinent information shall be tattooed in the cat's ear at the expense of the owner, keeper or harborer of such cat. Any cat not displaying a current license number shall be considered a stray cat and shall be subject to being

taken into custody by the Borough or its agents and impounded at the Bergen County Animal Shelter for disposition in accordance with the shelter's policies and procedures.

- B. Any person that shall fail to comply with the licensing provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine as follows: \$100 for a first offense; \$300 for a second offense; and \$500 for each subsequent offense thereafter.*

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Borough of Franklin Lakes declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

APPROVED: _____
Charles J. X. Kahwaty, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Gail M. Rulli, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 04-18-2023
Adopted: 05-16-2023