

ORDINANCE 2022-19

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE "PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS"**

WHEREAS, the Township Council and Township Manager of the Township of Medford have made organizational changes to the management and administration of parks in the Township of Medford; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council and Township Manager have been advised of issues related to improper uses of the Township's parks and recreational facilities, and intend, by adoption of this Ordinance, to amend the current Chapter 109 to address these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT the Township Council of the Township of Medford, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Chapter 109 of the Medford Township Code is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 109-2 is hereby deleted and replaced as follows:

109-2 Facilities Use Policy: The Township Council of the Township of Medford has adopted and incorporates by reference herein the Medford Township Facilities Use Policy as a means to reserve use of Medford's municipal facilities, thereby improving the accessibility and scheduling of facilities and, at the same time, provide for their safe, constructive and prolonged use. All groups, organizations and/or leagues will be required to pay a reasonable fee to use municipal facilities. Said fees, rents, rates or other charges shall be kept on file with the Township Clerk and may be modified as appropriate, subject to review and approval by the Township Council.

SECTION TWO: Section 109-3 is hereby amended to add a new subsection M and N, as follows:

§ 109-3 **Prohibited acts.** It shall be unlawful and in violation of this chapter for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts within any park, playground or open space of the township:

A. – L. [No changes]

M.) Allow any dog, cat or other domesticated animal to run at large. In any area designated by the Township to operate as a dog park, dogs only will be permitted off leash in the area(s) specified as a dog run. Otherwise, dogs, cats and other domesticated animals shall only be permitted at municipal parks, recreation and open space areas provided that they are restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length and let or controlled by a person capable of controlling said animal. Dogs, cats and other domesticated animals shall be prohibited on playground areas, athletic fields and courts at all times.

N.) Allow any dog, cat or other domesticated animal under the ownership or control of such person to defecate without immediately removing such defecation and disposing of it in a refuse container or in some other sanitary manner.

SECTION THREE: All other existing provisions of Chapter 109, unless expressly amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Any and all Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

- B. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

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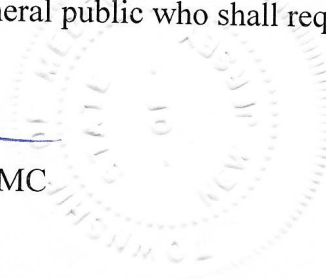
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The above entitled ordinance was passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Medford on December 6, 2022. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on December 20, 2022 at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, New Jersey at 7:00 PM, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be heard. Copies of this ordinance will be made available at the Municipal Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request them.



Katherine Burger, RMC
Municipal Clerk



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Notice of Final Adoption

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinance as entitled above was adopted following second reading and public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Medford, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, New Jersey on December 20, 2022.



Katherine E. Burger
Municipal Clerk

