



BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

ORDINANCE 04-2024

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS CHAPTER 97 “ANIMALS” SECTION 13 “DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL” AND CHAPTER 168 “FEES” ARTICLE II “FEE SCHEDULE”

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has in N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 et seq. delegated responsibility to the local Government units to adopt regulations designed to promote public health, safety and general welfare of this citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council seeks to update certain sections of the Borough Code regarding the licensing of certain domestic animals and licensing fees of certain domestic animals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands that the Code of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands Chapter 97, §97-13 is amended as follows (changes or additions are underlined, all portions of the existing Code in Chapter 97, Section 13 not referenced herein remain as currently in place and effect):

A. License required. Every person who shall own any dog, of licensing age within the municipality shall annually obtain a license for each dog from the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk shall issue a registration number for each dog so licensed. For the purpose of this section, any person who harbors or possesses any dog for a period of 15 days or more shall be deemed the owner of the dog so harbored or possessed. In order for the license to be issued, the owner must present proof such as a rabies certificate that a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated the dog against rabies and that the duration of immunity from that vaccination extends through at least 10 months of the twelve-month licensing period. An exemption to the rabies inoculation requirement shall be granted if the owner presents written certification from a licensed veterinarian that the dog cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition or course of therapy or that the dog is too young to be vaccinated. A dog owner shall have the option of obtaining a three-year license. A three-year license shall require proof of rabies vaccination extending over the three-year term of the license, with an expiration date of November 1st or later of the third year of the licensing term.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands that the Code of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands Chapter 168, Article II is amended as follows (changes or additions are underlined, all portions of the existing Code/Fee Schedule in Article II not referenced herein remain as currently in place and effect):

A. Fees for services by the office of the Municipal Clerk. Fees shall be charged as follows:

(1) Fees:

Animal fees

Ch. 97, Art. III

Dog licenses

1- Year License:

Dog License Fee \$10.00

State Registration Fee \$1.00

Pilot Clinic Fee \$.20

Animal Population Control Fee for Non-Sterilized Dogs \$3.00

3- Year License:

Dog License Fee \$30.00

State Registration Fee \$3.00

Pilot Clinic Fee \$.60

Animal Population Control Fee for Non-Sterilized Dogs \$9.00

Any dog not having a valid, current license after the license renewal date shall, in addition to the license fees set forth herein, pay an additional \$5.00 for the first late month or part of the month and an additional \$1.00 for each month or partial month thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion: Introduce Ordinance 04-2024, **Moved by** Councilman Crowley; **Seconded by** Councilwoman Cusack

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman Colasurdo, Councilman Crowley, Councilwoman Cusack, Councilman Dougherty, Councilwoman Forbes, Councilman Murphy

No: None

Absent: None

I, Michelle Clark, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Regular Meeting, held January 11, 2024, WITNESS my hand this 12th day of January 2024.



Michelle Clark, Municipal Clerk



Motion: Adopt Ordinance 04-2024, **Moved by** Councilman Dougherty, **Seconded by** Councilman Crowley

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman Colasurdo, Councilman Crowley, Councilwoman Cusack, Councilman Dougherty, Councilwoman Hohenleitner, Councilman Murphy

Absent: None

I, Michelle Clark, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body at its Regular Meeting held January 25, 2024. WITNESS my hand this 26th day of January 2024.

Michelle Clark
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF MAYOR'S APPROVAL: January 26, 2024

Lori Hohenleitner
Mayor