## TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO AMEND BOARD OF HEALTH CHAPTER BH11. RABIES CONTROL.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Health Committee of the Township of Frankford, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that Chapter BH11. RABIES CONTROL; be and is hereby amended as follows:

- a. No person shall own, harbor or keep any dog or cat from within the Township which is not currently inoculated against rabies; provided however, that animals which have not attained the age of six months shall not be required to be inoculated and further provided that any animal may be exempt from the requirements of such inoculation, for a specified period of time, by the Board of Health upon the presentation of a certificate from a veterinarian stating that because of identity or other physical condition, the inoculation of such animal for said specified period of time shall be deemed inadvisable by a veterinarian.
- b. Inoculation shall be made by a duly licensed veterinarian of the State of New Jersey or such other person permitted by law to make the same, and approved by the Township Board of Health.
- c. Whenever a dog or cat, or other animal is infected with rabies or is suspected of being infected with rabies, or has been bitten by an animal infected with rabies or suspected of being infected with rabies, the person owning or having the care, custody or control of any such animal or any person having knowledge or suspicion of such infection shall notify the Township Board of Health and/or the appropriate Law Enforcement Agency, the Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer immediately. Any such report shall be reduced to writing at the request of the Board of Health of the Township of Frankford.
- d. If a dog or cat or other animal is known or believed to have rabies, or has been bitten by a dog or cat or other animal known or suspected of having rabies, the owner of such animal shall be notified by whomever was notified under paragraph c in writing to have the animal confined for a period of not less than six months, or such lesser period specified by the State Department of Health, and placed under the observation of a veterinarian, at the expense of the owner, for such period.
- e. Any animal confined under order of the Township Board of Health or its Agent, shall not be released until a certificate of release has been issued.
- f. All dogs or cats or other animals noticeably infected with rabies and displaying vicious propensities or other noticeable symptoms of rabies shall be killed, put down, or secured by the Animal Control Officer, Peace Officer or appropriate Law Enforcement Agency, or any other authorized person, after a written diagnosis of infection by a veterinarian of the State

of New Jersey or under emergency situations at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, appropriate Law Enforcement Agency, or any other authorized person.

- g. The Animal Control Officer, or any other authorized person, shall promptly notify, in writing, the Township Board of Health and the owner, if known, of the killing and the reason for the killing of any dog, cat or other animal in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- h. The Animal Control Officer of the Township, any Constable, Police Officer or Law Officer is hereby authorized to aid and assist in enforcement of this section.
- i. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the State Department of Health governing the sanitary conduct and operation to preserve sanitation therein and prevent the spread of rabies and other diseases of cats or dogs within and from such establishments, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each offense. A person who fails to pay forthwith the amount of a judgment rendered against them and the costs and charges incident thereto shall be committed by the court to jail for a period not exceeding 10 days in the case of a first conviction, and in the case of a conviction for a second, subsequent, or continuing violation, for a period not exceeding 30 days.

## NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on a first reading at a meeting of the Board of Health of Frankford held on March 19, 2024 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Board of Health of Frankford Township to be held on June 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Board of Health Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 151 US Highway 206, Augusta, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Diane M. Brauchle

Board of Health Secretary

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted on second reading after a public hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of Frankford Township, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, held on June 19, 2024.

Diane M. Brauchle

Board of Health Secretary