

**BOROUGH OF HAMPTON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 09-2023

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 93 "ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMPTON**

WHEREAS, Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Hampton regulates the licensing of dogs, removal of animal feces, and inoculation of cats; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 93 are based in part on *N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1, et seq.* which has been amended since the last revision to Chapter 93; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to revise Chapter 93-2 "Dog Licensing Requirements," Subsection C (1) and (2) "Fees, renewals, expiration date of licenses," to provide for an increase of fees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council also wish to revise Chapter 93-4 "Disposition of Fees," Subsection B, to clarify payments to the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 93 entitled "Animals" of the Code of the Borough of Hampton is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.

§ 93-2 "Dog Licensing Requirements;" Subsection C (1) and (2) "Fees, renewals, expiration date of licenses," is amended as follows (additions indicated in boldface and italics "*thus*;" deletions indicated with strike-through "~~thus~~");

- (1) The person applying for the license and registration tag shall pay the fee established in the sum of ~~\$4~~ ***\$10.00*** for the registration tag of each dog, and for each annual renewal, the fee for the license and for the registration tag shall be the same as for the original license and tag. The licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on January 31 in each year.
- (2) In addition to the fee charged pursuant to Subsection C (1) above, any person applying for a license and registration tag shall pay:
 - (a) A fee of \$3 for any dog of reproductive age which has not had its reproductive capacity permanently altered through sterilization to be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Animal Population Control Fund.
 - (b) An additional fee of \$0.20 to be forwarded to the State Treasurer to fund the animal sterilization pilot clinic.

Section 2.

§ 93-4 “Disposition of Fees” Subsection B is amended as follows (additions indicated in boldface and italics “*thus*,” deletions indicated with strike-through “~~thus~~”):

B. The registration tag fee of \$1 for each dog shall be forwarded within 30 days after collection by the Borough Clerk or other designated official to license dogs to the State Department of Health and Senior Services, which Department shall forward the sum to the State Treasurer, who shall place all such moneys in a special account for use only by the State Department of Health and Senior Services in administering this article and for the prevention and control of rabies throughout the state, and such account is hereby declared to be a trust fund not subject to legislative appropriation. At the end of the third fiscal year following the adoption of this article, and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be withdrawn from this trust fund and transferred to the general funds of the state any amount then in such fund which is in excess of the total amount paid into such fund during the last two fiscal years next preceding.

C. *Pursuant to § 93-2 Subsection C (2) (a) (b), an additional \$3.20 is being forwarded to the State of New Jersey as follows:*

(a) A fee of \$3 for any dog of reproductive age which has not had its reproductive capacity permanently altered through sterilization to be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Animal Population Control Fund.

(b) An additional fee of \$0.20 to be forwarded to the State Treasurer to fund the animal sterilization pilot clinic for each dog in Section (a) above.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

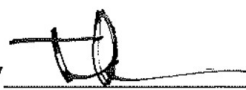
Section 4. If any section, phrase or portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:


Linda Leidner, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

By 
TODD SHANER, Mayor

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