



ORDINANCE NO. 15 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE IN KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

SECTION I. Purpose:

An Ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Kingwood Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

SECTION III. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the State Police for Kingwood Township.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalty:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50 - \$500.

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Kingwood Township Committee at a meeting held on October 5, 2023.

James Moscagiuri,
Township Attorney

Andrew Russano, Jr.,
Mayor

Committee	Motion	2nd	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Committeeman Riggio	X		X			
Committeewoman Syrnick		X	X			
Mayor Russano			X			
		Total Votes	3			

Introduction: September 7, 2023

Publication of Introduction: September 14, 2023

Public Hearing: October 5, 2023

Adoption: October 5, 2023

Publication of Adoption: October 19, 2023

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above Ordinance was approved on first reading at the regular meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee held September 7, 2023. It was adopted at a regular meeting held October 5, 2023, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 599 Oak Grove Road, Frenchtown, New Jersey.