

**KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF WARREN
ORDINANCE 2023-09**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF
PET SOLID WASTE IN KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, in order to prevent pollutants from being transported to local water bodies from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), federal stormwater regulations require MS4 operators to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and implement a stormwater management program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJPDES Master General Permit No. NJ0141852, as of January 1, 2023, all 101 New Jersey municipalities previously assigned to Tier B, such as Knowlton Township, have now been assigned to Tier A, in order to help better manage stormwater discharges and resulting pollutant and nutrient impacts to waterways.

WHEREAS, this reassignment requires Knowlton (and all former Tier B municipalities) to update their ordinances to be consistent with Tier A standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Knowlton, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 64-18 of the Code of the Township of Knowlton, entitled “Disposal of Pet Solid Waste” is hereby added as follows:

A. Purpose.

This section establishes requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Knowlton Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

B. Definitions:

For the purpose of this section, 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Knowlton Township Zoning Officer, County Health Department, and New Jersey State Police.

F. Violations and Penalty:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduction: July 10, 2023

Motion: Shipps

Second: Van Horn

AIF: Bates- yes, Cuntala- yes, Mazza- yes, Shipps- yes, Van Horn- no

Adoption: August 24, 2023

Motion: Cuntala

Second: Van Horn

Roll Call: Bates-no, Cuntala-yes, Mazza-yes, Shipps-yes, Van Horn-yes