

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER

ORDINANCE NO. 730

**AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE**

SECTION I: PURPOSE

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Maurice River 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 Code Enforcement Officer of Maurice River Township and the New Jersey State Police.

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 \$250.00

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 take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:

DENISE PETERSON, TOWNSHIP
CLERK

Ken Whildin, MAYOR

Bill Ashton, DEPUTY MAYOR

Joe Sterling, Committeeperson

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