

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 52  
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ENTITLED  
“DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS” AND CREATE ARTICLE V-  
PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS IN RETAIL STORES.**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Park Ridge those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

Chapter 52 entitled “Dogs, Cats and Other Animals” to be amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter 52-1. Definitions, to amend, add or modify the following definitions:

**ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION**

Shall mean any non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes. "Animal rescue organization" does not include any entity that breeds animals or that (1) is located on the same premises as; (2) has any personnel in common with; (3) obtains, in exchange for payment or any other form of compensation, dogs or cats from; or (4) facilitates the sale of dogs or cats obtained from a person that breeds animals.

**HOBBY BREEDER**

Shall mean a noncommercial establishment where one or more breeds of dog are kept for personal breeding and where the consumer can directly view the conditions in which the dogs are bred and can confer directly with the hobby breeder concerning those conditions.

**OFFER FOR SALE**

Shall mean to sell, offer for sale or adoption, advertise for the sale of, barter, auction, give away or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat.

**PET SHOP**

Shall mean a commercial retail establishment where dogs and cats are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale to the general public. Such definition shall not include an animal rescue organization, hobby breeder, kennel, or shelter.

**SHELTER**

Shall mean an animal control center, shelter or pound maintained by or under contract with any state, county, or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes or rescue organizations.

**Article V. PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS IN RETAIL STORES.**

**Sec. 52-62. Restrictions on the sale of dogs and cats**

- a. It is unlawful for a pet shop, as defined in § 96-1 and §96-29, to sell or offer for sale a dog or a cat.

- b. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a pet shop from providing space to an animal rescue organization or shelter, as defined in, to publicly showcase dogs or cats available for adoption.

**Sec. 52-63. Violations and Penalties.**

- a. A pet store that violates § 96-34 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of \$100 for a first offense per animal sold or offered to be sold, \$500 for a second or subsequent offence per animal sold or offered to be sold, and any additional penalties in accordance with the Borough Code.
- b. Each sale or offer for sale made in violation of § 96-33 shall constitute a separate violation.
- c. In the event of a second or subsequent conviction, the court may require the establishment to cease all retail operations until such time as all animals in custody are transferred to a shelter or animal rescue organization.

**SEVERABILITY:** All provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective upon final approval and publication, pursuant to law, and upon completion of all outstanding cases.

Adopted 9/10/24 on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli					✓	
Ferguson			✓			
Goldsmith		✓	✓			
Hoffman			✓			
Metzdorf	✓		✓			
Mintz			✓			

APPROVED:

  
 KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

  
 Magdalena Giandomenico  
 Borough Clerk / Administrator