

# CITY OF PLAINFIELD

MC 2024-24

## ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 (ANIMALS), SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 7 “RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ANIMALS” REQUIRING THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield has seen an increase in serious health risks and environmental concerns to the public created by the solid waste created by animals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield wishes to adopt uniform and proper disposal methods of animal solid waste so as to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plainfield desires to amend the current regulations concerning animals to include proper disposal procedures for animal solid waste;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Plainfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Chapter 5 “Animals”, Article 7 “Rules and Regulations Concerning Animals”, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

### § 5:7-14 Pet Solid Waste.

#### a. Definitions.

- a. “Immediate” means that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- a. “Owner/Keeper” is any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise has custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- b. “Person” means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. “Pet” means a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- d. “Pet Solid Waste” means waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- e. “Proper Disposal” means placement of pet solid waste 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.

#### 2. 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. Proper disposal shall be made of animal food wastes, excrement, garbage, refuse, or vegetable matter deposited upon the premises, in such a manner as to prevent insect breeding or rodent infestation or pollution of the air, ground, or body of water or the creation of any other unhealthy or unsanitary condition.

#### 3. Exemptions.

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

#### 4. Enforcement.

**This section shall be enforced by the City of Plainfield Police Department.**

**5. Violations and Penalties.**

**Any person(s), entity, or corporation who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$1,000, per occurrence.**


**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.


ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**June 10, 2024**

  
Abubakar Jalloh, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I, Abubakar Jalloh, City Clerk of the City of Plainfield do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Plainfield City Council.

  
Abubakar Jalloh, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk

✓ Vote Record - Ordinance MC 2024-24						
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