

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 8.7 OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE  
(CONTROL OF ANIMALS-FEES FOR IMPOUNDMENT, REDEMPTION, BOARDING,  
MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ADOPTION)**

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY** that Chapter 10, Section 8.7 of the Revised General  
Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 10, Section 8.7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (the “Township Code”) to be amendable by Resolution such that it is amendable in the future by approval of the Township Council, a necessity in an everchanging socioeconomic climate.

**II. CHAPTER 10, SECTION 8.7 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND  
SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:**

**§10-8.7 BE AND HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

- The portion entitled “Fees for Impoundment, Redemption, Boarding, Medical Treatment and Adoption” which specifies the annual fees applicable under Chapter 10, Section 8 governing the Control of Animals shall be repealed and replaced by the following language:

a. Any person whose dog is impounded by the Health Department for violation of subsection § 10-8.6 or otherwise shall pay the fee set forth by Resolution at the approval of the Township Council.  
~~following fees prior to release of the dog:~~

- ~~1. First Impoundment: Redemption fee of \$20 plus the per diem cost of boarding.~~
- ~~2. Second Impoundment: Redemption fee of \$30 plus the per diem cost of boarding.~~
- ~~3. Three or More Impoundments: Redemption fee of \$40 plus the per diem cost of boarding.~~
- ~~4. Where a dog which has been running at large returns home before being impounded, the owner, keeper or harborer shall be subject to the penalties contained in Section § 10-10 of this chapter.~~

b. Boarding Facilities at the Alex Caprio Animal Control Facility. In addition to any other fees chargeable pursuant to the ordinances of the Township all owners of animals impounded by the Health Department shall pay the ~~following~~ daily boarding fees as set forth by Resolution.

- ~~(a) \$7 per day for each dog.~~
- ~~(b) \$5 per day for each puppy, kitten or cat.~~
- ~~(c) A maximum of \$10 per day for any other animal based on a reasonable estimate by the Director of Health and Welfare or his representative of the cost of such boarding.~~

c. Emergency Treatment of Injured Animals. Any person owning an animal that has been injured and impounded by the Health Department shall pay all veterinary fees for the medical treatment and services that were required to treat that animal in addition to all other such fees that are chargeable.

d. Adoption Fees. The ~~following~~ fees ~~shall to~~ be charged to any person who adopts ~~any of the following animals from the Township: dogs, puppies, cats and/or kittens from the Township shall be set forth by Resolution.~~

- ~~1. Dogs and Puppies: \$40 for mixed breeds.~~
- ~~2. Dogs and Puppies: \$50 for pure breeds.~~
- ~~3. Cats and Kittens: \$25 for mixed breeds.~~
- ~~4. Cats and Kittens: \$50 for pure breeds.~~

### III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

### IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

### V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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SUSAN MCCARTNEY, MAYOR

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TAMMY WILLIAMS,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C.  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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ADOPTED: July 11, 2023

**Legislative History**

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The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be subject to adjustment by Resolution.