

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AMENDING CHAPTER 59 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH ENTITLED "ANIMALS"**

**2023-34**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 59 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich entitled "Animals" requires an amendment to Article I entitled "Licensing of Dogs" which sets forth regulations for the keeping of dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 59-8 "Leashing" requires an amendment to add that any person walking a dog off of their property must carry with them waste disposal materials and to conduct proper disposal of such waste matter;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich as follows:

**SECTION I      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 II AMENDMENT**

Section 59-13 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich shall be amended to add the following provision as Section E.:

All persons walking a dog must be in personal possession of the proper utensils for cleanup and disposal of dog waste at all times and are further required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, street or sidewalk, whether public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

**SECTION III ENFORCEMENT**

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Township of Woolwich.

**SECTION III INCONSISTENCY**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

**SECTION IV AFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon proper passage, publication in accordance with law and after final adoption as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

  
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Craig Frederick, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jane DiBella, Clerk

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, held on the 20th day of November, 2023 and will be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, to be held on the 4th day of December, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at which time and place any interested party will be given the opportunity to be heard.

  
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Jane DiBella, Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing conducted on said Ordinance at a meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee held on December 4, 2023.

  
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Jane DiBella, Clerk