



# Township of Hillsborough

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**EXPLANATION:** This Ordinance amends Chapter 117 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, titled "Animals", Article III, titled "Licensing of Dogs; Dog Warden"

## ORDINANCE 2016-07

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, TITLED "ANIMALS", ARTICLE III, TITLED "LICENSING OF DOGS, DOG WARDEN"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 117 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, titled "Animals", Article III titled "Licensing of Dogs; Dog Warden", is repealed and replaced as follows:

Chapter 117. Animals

Article III. Licensing of Dogs; Certified Animal Control Officer

Section 117-10. Definitions.

"Dog" means any dog, male or female, or neutered male or neutered female.

"Dog of Licensing Age" means any dog which has attained the age of seven (7) months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth.

"Owner" when applied to the proprietorship of a dog shall include every person having a right of property in that dog and every person who has that dog in his keeping.

"Certified Animal Control Officer (ACO)" means a person 18 years of age or older who has satisfactorily completed the course of study approved by the Commissioner of Health and the Police Training Commission as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16a.

“Potentially Dangerous Dog” means a dog declared “potentially dangerous” by a municipal court in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-23 et seq.

“Shelter” means any place where 5 or more dogs are received, housed, or distributed without charge. For the purposes of licensing, any person who desires to own 5 or more dogs must obtain a shelter license from the Hillsborough Township Board of Health, and must license each individual dog.

“Sterilize” means to render an animal incapable of reproducing by either spaying or neutering.

“Township” means the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey.

#### Section 117-11. Designation of Licensing Official.

The Finance Officer of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, is hereby designated as the official to license dogs in said Township.

#### Section 117-12. License and Registration Tag Fees.

- A. A person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog in the Township of Hillsborough shall license such dog pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 et seq., and make application to the Finance Officer for a license and registration tag for such dog within the time limit set by said statute and pay an annual license fee of \$19.80 and \$1.00 for each registration tag and renewal thereof.
- B. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 et seq., the Finance Officer shall collect and remit to the State of New Jersey, together with the dog registration tag fee of \$1.00, \$0.20 for each dog licensed, to be designated for the State Pilot Clinic Fund.
- C. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 et seq., the Finance Officer shall collect and remit to the New Jersey State Department of Health, together with the dog registration fee and the \$0.20 cited above, an additional \$3.00 for any dog of reproductive age which has not had its reproductive capacity permanently altered through sterilization. This fee is to be designated for the Animal Population Control Fund.
- D. A person who shall own, keep, or harbor more than 4 dogs shall obtain a shelter license in accordance with Township Board of Health Ordinance, 315-3, “Kennels, Shelters, and Pounds.”
- E. Any dog designated “potentially dangerous” as per N.J.S.A. 4:19-23 et seq., by a municipal court shall require a special license of \$700.00 per year and comply with the requirements outlined in said statute.

#### Section 117-13. Certified Animal Control Officer.

- A. There is hereby created the position of Certified Animal Control Officer, which position shall be filled by appointment of the Township Committee. The Certified Animal Control Officer shall hold office at the pleasure of the Township Committee.

B. It shall be the duty and the responsibility of the Certified Animal Control Officer to catch and impound all dogs running at large in the Township without the appropriate license, collar, and or/or tag, and to perform such further duties and responsibilities as may be found in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 et seq.

Section 117-14. Dog Canvass.

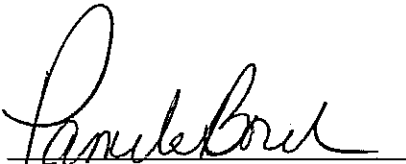
Dog Canvassers shall be appointed by the Township Committee to conduct a door to door canvass of dogs in the Township on a schedule that the Township Committee deems necessary.

Section 117-15. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall fail to comply with the licensing requirements set forth in this article and N.J.S.A. 4-19-15.1 et seq., within the time periods prescribed shall be required to pay a penalty to the Township of \$50 per dog in addition to the established license and registration fees. Unless contested, the penalty may be paid through the Township Municipal Court Violations Bureau without court appearance.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH



Pamela Borek, Clerk



Frank DelCore, Mayor

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