

**BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

ORDINANCE #2023/2

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT TITLE 6 “ANIMALS” OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Freehold (the “Borough”) is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council seeks to update certain sections of the Borough Code regarding the licensing of certain domestic animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Freehold, County of Monmouth as follows:

Section 1

Title 6 “Animals” of the Code of the Borough of Freehold shall be amended as follows; additions to the current ordinance are noted in underline. [Unmodified sections were omitted for the sake of brevity].

6.04 General Provisions

6.04.020 Licensing provisions.

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[E. Fees. deleted in toto and replaced as follows]:

E. Expiration of License. Each license and tag shall be renewed annually, provided, however, that a dog owner shall have the option of obtaining a three-year license. A one-year license shall require proof of rabies vaccination with an expiration date of November 1st or later of the current licensing year. A three-year license shall require proof of rabies vaccination extending over the three-year term of the license, with an expiration date of November 1st or later of the third year of the licensing term.

[F. Expiration Date. Deleted in toto and replaced as follows]:

F. Fees. Any person applying for a license is required to pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

1. 1-Year License:

<u>Dog License Fee</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>State Registration Fee</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>Pilot Clinic Fee</u>	<u>\$0.20</u>

Animal Population Control Fee for Non-Sterilized Dogs	\$3.00
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2. 3-Year License:

Dog License Fee	\$30.00
State Registration Fee	\$3.00
Pilot Clinic Fee	\$0.60
Animal Population Control Fee for Non-Sterilized Dogs	\$9.00

3. Any dog not having a valid, current license after the license renewal date shall, in addition to the license fees set forth herein, pay an additional fee of \$5.00 for the first late month or part of the month and an additional \$1.00 for each month or partial month thereafter.

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6.12 Cats

6.12.020 Licensing provisions

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C. Application for License--When Made. The license year shall run from January to December 31. Applications for licenses for all cats which are required to be licensed by the provisions this section shall be made no later than March 1 of each calendar year. Each license shall be renewed annually, provided, however, that a cat owner shall have the option of obtaining a three-year license. ~~Applications for licenses for cats which are required to be licensed by the provision of subsection A of this section which are filed on or after March 1 shall be subject to a late fee as set forth below. In all other cases, the application for a license shall be made within ten (10) days of the day upon which the cat in question first becomes subject to the provisions of this section.~~

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E. Fees. The person applying for a license shall pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each cat for a one-year license and a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each cat for a 3-year license. The same fee shall be charged for the annual renewal of each license. Each person registering a cat of reproductive age which has not had its reproductive capacity permanently altered through sterilization shall be required to pay an additional fee as established by the state legislature. In the event the state legislature establishes a fee for registration tags for cats, the same shall be charged accordingly.

F. Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any cat licensed under any kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound license issued by the borough or to any cats that are part of a community cat colony registered pursuant to Chapter 6.16.

Section 2

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

Section 3

Any Ordinance or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded.

Section 4

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

Introduced: January 17, 2023

Adopted: February 13, 2023