

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
ORDINANCE 2023-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER AMENDING THE
TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL CODE FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE**

SECTION 1. Purpose

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Township of North Hanover, Burlington County, State of New Jersey, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION 2. 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 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 3. 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.

SECTION 4. Exemptions

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

SECTION 5. Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Police Department and/or Zoning Officer and/or Local Board of Health of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington.

SECTION 6. Penalties

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to the general penalties set forth in Section 1-035 of the Municipal Code of the Township of North Hanover.

SECTION 7. Severability

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Repealer

All provisions of any other ordinance which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

NOTICE

This Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover held on July 20, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2023, at the Municipal Building, 41 Schoolhouse Road, Jacobstown, NJ at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at which time and place any person desired to be heard upon the same will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies are available free of charge at the Municipal Clerk’s Office prior to the public hearing.

Mary Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC
Municipal Clerk

Vote on Introduction of Ordinance:

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O’Donnell			X			
Mayor Forsyth			X			

NOTICE

The ordinance read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Township Committee of North Hanover Township, held on August 17, 2023, and the applicable period of limitation within which a suit, action or validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

Mary Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC
Municipal Clerk

Vote on Adoption of Ordinance:

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Deputy Mayor O’Donnell			X			
Mayor Forsyth			X			