

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE #98-

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER V, LICENSING OF DOGS AND CHAPTER XXI, FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE.**

**WHEREAS, Public Law 1997 Chapter 247 requires all municipalities to appoint a Certified Animal Control Officer responsible for animal control within the municipality and the Wantage Township Committee in compliance with this State requirement creates the position of Certified Animal Control Officer; and in addition, the Township desires to revise the existing animal control fees;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that Chapter V, Licensing of Dogs, and Chapter XXI, Fees, are hereby amended as set forth below:

Section 1. Section 5-1 is amended to include the following:

"Purebred" means an animal standard to their breed with or without 'papers or documents verifying the animal is of a specific breed.

Section 2. Section 5-2.5 is repealed and replaced as follows:

Section 5-2.5 Fees

The person applying for the license and registration tag shall pay a fee as set forth in Chapter XXI, "Fees", Section 21-3, for dogs of licensing age. The Township shall forward to the State Department of Health such portion of the license fee as required by current State Statute. The balance of the license fees collected shall be turned over to the Township Treasurer. The licenses, registrations, tags and renewals shall expire on the last day of January in each year.

**Section 3.** Section 5-2.7 is repealed and replaced as follows:

Section 5-2.7 Late Fees

Any person harboring a dog found to be unlicensed after February 1st by the Township Animal Control Officer, dog canvassers or any other Township official authorized to enforce Township Ordinances, shall be required to pay a late fee as provided for in Chapter XXI, "Fees", Section 21-3, in addition to the required

license and registration tag fee as provided for in Section 5-2.5. Additionally, the person harboring the unlicensed dog may be subject to a fine for failure to obtain a dog license before May 1st.

Section 4. Section 5-4 is repealed and replaced as follows:

**Section 5-4 Animal Control**

Section 5. Section 5-4.1 is repealed and replaced as follows:

**Section 5-4.1 Certified Animal Control Officer**

The Township Committee shall appoint a Certified Animal Control Officer as required by New Jersey Public Law 1997, Chapter 247 as same may be amended from time to time, whose duties shall be those provided for by State statute and ordinances. The Certified Animal Control Officer shall have all powers provided for by law including, but not limited to, powers to investigate and sign complaints, or otherwise act as an officer for the detection of offenders against the animal control, animal welfare, or any animal cruelty laws of the State and ordinances in the Township, provided the Officer has completed the training required by law.

**Section E.**

Any reference to the term "Dog Warden" in Chapter V shall be and is hereby replaced with the term "Certified Animal Control Officer" throughout the Chapter.

Section 7. Section 5-4.3 is repealed and replaced as follows:

**Section 5-4.3 Impounding and Disposal Fees**

There shall be charged to the owner of each dog which is impounded, pursuant to subsection 5-4.2(a) of the revised Wantage Township Ordinances, the sums contained in Chapter XXI, "Fees", Section 21-7, for taking into custody each dog or cat plus the maintenance fee for each day or part thereof that the animal has been impounded, plus the redemption fee, which fees shall be paid when the animal is released. For any animal which is impounded, pursuant to Subsection 5-4.2(a) (8), the owner shall also be responsible for the disposal fee contained in Chapter XXI, Section 21-7.

**Section 8.** Section 21-7 is amended to include the following:

**ADOPTION FEES:**

Dogs, Mixed Breed, Adult	·	<b>\$15.00 plus</b>	\$10.00 Donation
Dogs, Purebred, Adult	·	25.00 plus	10.00 Donation
Puppies, Mixed Breed	·	25.00 plus	10.00 Donation
Puppies, Purebred	·	35.00 plus	10.00 Donation
Domestic Cats and Kittens	·	10.00 plus	5.00 Donation
Purebred Cats and Kittens		20.00 plus	5.00 Donation

**KENNEL FEES:**

Dogs or Cats \$ 5.00 per day.

**CONSIGNMENT FEES:**

Cats	\$ 10.00
Kittens	5.00
Dogs over 25 pounds	50.00
Dogs under 25 pounds	25.00

Section 9. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances or Resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 10.** If any article, section, subsection, term or condition in this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the balance of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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Paul Grau, Mayor

ATTEST

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Mary Ann Seeko, RMC/CMC

**NOTICE**

TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage on September 10, 1998, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage to be held on September 22, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23 S., Wantage, New Jersey.

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