

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD,  
CHAPTER 98 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2 requires that any person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog of licensing age shall register such animal with the municipality within which he or she resides; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2 provides that such licenses may be issued on an annual or 3-year basis; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2 sets forth applicable fees for both annual and 3-year licenses, plus the additional sum fixed by state law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Cranford currently requires all domestic dogs and cats of licensing age to be licensed and registered annual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has determined, for purposed of public safety and convenience, to adopt a 3-year license scheme for domestic dogs and cats of licensing age.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Cranford, Article II, Section 98-2 is amended as follows:

§ 98-2. ~~Annual~~ License and tag; placement of tags on dogs.

Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age in the Township shall, ~~in the month of January in each year,~~ apply for and procure from the Chief of Police or his agent a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Cranford, Article II, Section 98-5.A is amended as follows:

§ 98-5. Fees; exceptions; late charge.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this section, the person applying for the license and registration tag shall pay to the Township of Cranford a fee of \$18 for one-year licenses for the licensing of for each spayed or neutered dog, \$54 for three-year licenses of each spayed or neutered dog, and \$21 for one-year licenses for each non-spayed or nonneutered dog, and \$63 for three-year licenses for each non-spayed or nonneutered dog, plus the additional sum fixed by state law for the registration of dog. Said licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on the last day of January of the respective year of expiration~~each year~~. There shall be a late fee charge of \$1 per calendar month for each dog license renewal issued after its expiration~~January 31 of any year~~.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Cranford, Article III, Section 98-19 is amended as follows:

§ 98-19. Licensing requirements.

Each cat must have its license number displayed. Any person who shall own, keep, harbor or maintain a cat of licensing age shall ~~annually~~ apply for and procure from the Chief of Police or his designated representative a license and official metal registration tag with license number or a

registration sleeve for each cat so owned, kept, harbored or maintained and shall place upon such cat a collar or other device with the license number securely fastened or displayed. Acceptable methods of displaying the license number shall include but are not limited to breakaway or elastic collars. License tags are not transferrable.

**SECTION 4.** Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Cranford, Article III, Section 98-22.D. is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

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~~D. License fee schedule. A license shall be issued as follows: for each calendar year or portion thereof, a payment of \$18 for each spayed or neutered cat and \$21 for each non-spayed or non-neutered cat. Said licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on the last day of January each year. There shall be a late fee charge of \$1 per calendar month for each cat license renewal issued after January 31 of any year.~~

B. The person applying for the license and registration tag shall pay to the Township of Cranford a fee of \$18 for one-year licenses for each spayed or neutered cat, \$54 for three-year licenses of each spayed or neutered cat, \$21 for one-year licenses for each non-spayed or nonneutered cat, and \$63 for three-year licenses for each non-spayed or nonneutered cat. Said licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on the last day of January of the respective year of expiration. There shall be a late fee charge of \$1 per calendar month for each cat license renewal issued after its expiration.

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**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 6.** Upon final passage and publication according to law, this ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Introduced: May 23, 2017

Adopted: June 27, 2017

APPROVED:

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Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., Chairman  
Township Committee

ATTEST:

Tara Rowley  
Township Clerk

**RECORDED VOTE**

Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.  
Patrick F. Giblin  
Ann Dooley  
Andis Kalnins  
Mary O'Connor

**INTRODUCED**

Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye

**ADOPTED**

Aye  
Aye  
Absent  
Aye  
Aye