

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE 515-23
AN ORDINANCE INCREASING DOG LICENSE FEES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL"**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *To increase dog license fees to reflect the actual cost of administering the program.*

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.12 provides that:

"a. The governing body of each municipality may, by ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for a dog license and each renewal thereof, as required by section 3 of this act, which sum shall be not less than \$1.50 or more than \$21. . . .; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.3b provides that:

"a. In addition to the fee charged pursuant to . . . [N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.3] . . . , any person applying for the license and registration pay pursuant to . . . [N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2] shall pay a fee of \$3 for any dog of reproductive age which has not had its reproductive capacity permanently altered through sterilization.

b. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section and section 5 of this amendatory and supplementary act shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the "Animal Population Control Fund" created pursuant to section 7 of this act"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is also required to forward to the Department of Health and Senior Services ("DHSS") \$1 per dog license for the Rabies Trust Fund to support state rabies and animal control programs, \$3 per unneutered dogs for the State animal population control program, and \$.20 per dog to defray the cost of operating the People for Animals, Inc. Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Seeing-eye dogs and service dogs who assist handicapped persons are exempt under N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.3;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Section 5-1.5 of the Township Code entitled "Fees; Guide Dog Exemption" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5-1.5 Fees; Guide Dog Exemption.

- a. The dog owner or some person on his or her behalf shall apply for a one year license and registration tag for each dog. The fee for a one year license and registration tag shall be ~~\$17.50~~ \$22.20 for each spayed/neutered dog and ~~\$20.50~~ \$25.20 for each unspayed/neutered dog.
- b. ~~\$16.30~~ \$21.00 from each one year fee shall be retained by the Township for the Dog Damage Trust Account. \$1.20 from each one year fee shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services ("DHSS") in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.11 and 15.3c and any amendments thereto and \$3 from each one year fee for an unspayed/unneutered dog shall be forwarded to DHSS in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.3b and any amendments thereto.

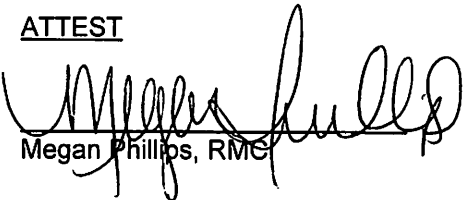
- c. Each one year license and registration tag shall expire on January 31 following the day of original issuance. Any person who fails to obtain a renewal license prior to January 31, shall pay a penalty fee of ~~\$5~~ for the issuance of the license on and after February 1, which amount shall be in addition to the license and registration tag fee hereinabove set forth, according to the following schedule: A \$10.00 Late Fee will be charged from February 1 through February 29th. A \$20.00 Late Fee will be charged from March 1 through March 31. Summons will be issued starting April 1st. The penalty fee shall be retained by the Township.
- d. Dogs used as guide dogs for blind persons commonly known as seeing eye, hearing ear and service dogs, shall be licensed and registered as other dogs hereinabove provided for, except that the owner or keeper of such dogs shall not be required to pay any fee therefor.
- e. The owner of any newly acquired dog of licensing age shall make application for such license and registration tag for such dog within ten (10) days after such acquisition or age attainment as defined in this Code and N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1.

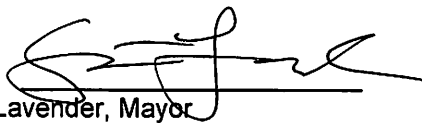
Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST


Megan Phillips, RMC


Scott Lavender, Mayor

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