

ORDINANCE 07 - 2019

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED
"ANIMALS"**

WHEREAS, Chapter 19, Article I of the Code of the Township of Washington regulates Dogs and Cats within the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, animal control services are provided by the County of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to Title 4 of the New Jersey Statutes have made a number of changes to the enforcement of animal cruelty laws; and

WHEREAS, the new legislation now mandates the designation of certain positions within the County Prosecutor's office and requires an assignment of Animal Cruelty Liaison Law Enforcement Officers for all municipal police departments; and

WHEREAS, the Township has previously appointed Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officers ("MHLEO"); and

WHEREAS, in light of the new legislation, it is necessary to amend Chapter 19 of the Code of the Township of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Township by law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I: Section 19-1 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled "Definitions," shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented as follows:

"ANIMAL CRUETY INVESTIGATIONS

Gloucester County Animal Control Officers (GCACO), or other designate, may investigate, and/or require compliance for violations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:22. In the event the GCACO, or designate sees, or recognizes a potential criminal situation, or the need arises where a criminal investigation is warranted, the GCACO shall make

contact/report to the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer for further action. The GCACO may continue to contribute to the investigation as requested or required.”

“ENFORCEMENT

The Township official shall enforce the provisions of this article. Nothing herein shall prohibit a private citizen from bringing or signing a complaint for an alleged violation of this article.”

“TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL

Any Township Code Enforcement Official, Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer, Township Police Department officer, Gloucester County Animal Control Officer, the Municipal Clerk, or any other official or person assigned or designated by Mayor or Council.”

“SHELTER

An establishment for the confinement of dogs or cats seized either under the provisions of this chapter or otherwise.”

DELETE the following Definitions: “SHELTER” and “VICIOUS DOG”

SECTION II. Section 19-5 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled “Dog canvass” shall be and is hereby deleted.

SECTION III. Section 19-6 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled, “Impounding and destruction of certain dogs” shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented by the following: Delete the following subsections: D(3), D(4), E. and F. Change the lettering of subsection (G.) to (E.)

SECTION IV: Section 19-7 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled, “Regulations,” shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented as follows:

“(G) Property damage. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit or suffer it to do any injury or to do any damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, property or other animals.”

“(I) Penned dogs and other animals. Penning dogs or other animals outside of the home shall comply with N.J.S.A.4:22-17.5.”

SECTION V: Section 19-8 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled “Violations and penalties” shall be hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented as follows:

“A. Violations. For any violation of the licensing provisions under this article, same may be filed by the Gloucester County Animal Control Officer. All other complaints may be filed by the Gloucester County Animal Control Officer, Township Official or private citizens for the violation of any of the other regulations of or on either public or private property.”

SECTION VI: Section 19-14 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled “Enforcement,” shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented as follows: “Gloucester County Animal Control Officers are hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this article.”

SECTION VII: All Sections and subsections of this Chapter shall be renumbered or relettered in accordance herewith.

SECTION VIII: Except as set forth in Sections I-VI above, the balance of the Code of the Township of Washington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION IX: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION X: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCTION:

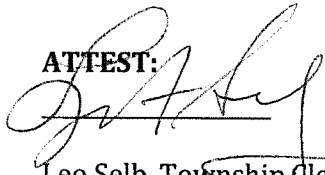
	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Dougherty		X	X				
Pasqualone	X		X				
Williams			X				
Longfellow			X				
Perry			X				

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY: 
 Joe Perry, Council President

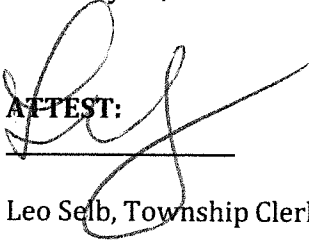
I, Leo Selb, Jr., attest the above Ordinance was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 13, 2019. A public hearing will occur on February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

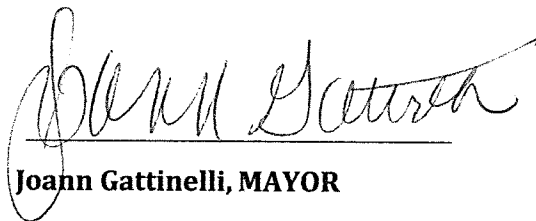
ADOPTION:

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse	
Dougherty		X	X					
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Williams	X		X					
Longfellow			X					
Perry			X					

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 07-2019 was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 27, 2019 by Township Council after a public hearing on February 27, 2019. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

On this 6th day of March 2019, I hereby approve the above Ordinance.


 Joann Gattinelli, MAYOR

ADOPTION DATE: 3-27-2019

JOANN GATTINELLI, MAYOR