

ORDINANCE O-2-2024

**MANTUA TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA
AMENDING CHAPTER 291 "ANIMALS"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mantua ("Township") is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of State of New Jersey and located in Gloucester County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 291 of the Township Code sets forth rules and regulations concerning parks and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Chapter 13 prohibits animals within Chestnut Branch Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to permit dogs with Chestnut Branch Park, subject to regulation and restrictions; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mantua, County of Gloucester, and the State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 291, Section 13 of the Township Code, entitled "Animals" is hereby amended, supplemented, and/or revised as follows:

§ 291-13. Animals.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to bring or harbor any animals in the park known as Chestnut Branch Park, except for dogs, subject to the following regulations:
1. No dog shall be permitted to run at large and all dogs shall be restrained by a leash no greater than six (6) feet in length.
 2. Every dog shall possess a valid license tag pursuant to § 120-4 of the Township Code.
 3. Every person possessing a dog is required to immediately pick up and dispose of said dog's waste.
 4. Potentially dangerous dogs or vicious dogs as defined by State statutes N.J.S.A. 4:19-22 and 4:19-23 are prohibited.

B. [No Change]

SECTION 2: All ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3: 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.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

THE FOREGOING was introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua and passed on first reading on the 12th day of February 2024 at a regular meeting, and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Mantua to be held on the 11th day of March, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Mantua Township Municipal Building, Meeting Hall, 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk during normal business hours.

TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

By:


Robert Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Bileci, Township Clerk

Introduced: February 12, 2024

	<u>Scirrotto</u>	<u>Zimmerman</u>	<u>Layton</u>	<u>Legge</u>	<u>Lukens</u>
Yes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Public Hearing Held: March 11, 2024

	<u>Scirrotto</u>	<u>Zimmerman</u>	<u>Layton</u>	<u>Legge</u>	<u>Lukens</u>
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