

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1823-2016__**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105 ANIMALS
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL LICENSING FEES**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to provide a longer period of time to pay their annual dog and cat license fee; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that Article I and Article IV of Chapter 105 of the Township Code, titled Animals, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

Amend Article I, Regulations and Control of Dogs and Other Animals Subsection 105-4 B. Annual license fee. by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with a new Subsection 105-4 B. Annual license fee. to read as follows:

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A hereinabove, licensees shall be charged an annual dog license fee of \$7 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10 for nonspayed/nonneutered dogs under the following circumstances:

- (1) When the licensee preregisters between January 1 and April 30 of each year.
- (2) When the dog owner becomes a new resident of the Township of Hamilton during a given calendar year after January 31.
- (3) When the dog to be licensed is less than six months old on April 30 of a given calendar year or the dog is born subsequent to April 30 of a given calendar year.

SECTION 2.

Amend Article IV, Cats by deleting Sub-section 105-13 License fee; delinquent fee. in its entirety and replacing it with a new sub-section 105-13. License fee; delinquent fee. to read as follows:

105-13. License fee; delinquent fee.

A license shall be issued after a payment of an annual fee of \$5 for each cat, which license shall be obtained by January 31, of each year. Persons who fail to obtain a license as required prior to April 30th of each year will be subject to a delinquent fee of \$3 for each cat.

SECTION 3. Severability and Effectiveness Clause.

- (a) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- (b) Any Ordinance inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by in law.

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ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Roger Silva, Mayor

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
GATTO					
GUISHARD					
KURTZ					
SCHENKER					
MAYOR SILVA					

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: June 6, 2016

FINAL READING AND ADOPTION: