

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 09-15-16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, INCREASING DOG AND CAT
LICENSE FEES AND AMENDING THE VIOLATION AND PENALTY
SECTION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 162 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury (“Code”) sets forth requirements for licensing dogs and cats in the Township of Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog or cat of licensing age in the Township of Cranbury, on or before January 31 of each year, procure from the Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, or other person designated by the Township Committee for said purpose, a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog or cat owned, kept or harbored; and

WHEREAS, a survey of neighboring municipalities reveals that dog and cat licensing fees in the Township of Cranbury need to be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has made recommendations for the violation and penalty section of the Animal Code

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated.
2. Section 162-5 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury (“Code”), entitled “Fees,” is hereby amended to add dog license fees, and shall read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 162-5. Fees

Spayed/neutered dog license fee \$10.00. Non spayed/neutered dog or license fee \$13.00. A dog license obtained after January 31st will be charged a late fee of \$5.00 per animal plus \$1 per month for each month delinquent (1).

(1) Editor’s Note: Current fees are on file in the Township offices

[The fee for the license and registration of said dog shall be set forth by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, as provided for in §82-2, Miscellaneous fees of Chapter 82 of this Code, entitled “Fees”(1).]

3. Section 162-16 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury (“Code”), entitled “Violations and penalties,” is hereby amended to specify the penalty for the first and second offense for the failure to obtain a dog license, and shall read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 162-16. Violations and penalties

Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age in the Township of Cranbury that has not obtained a dog license by March 1st will receive a first offense violation summons from the Board of Health Officer with a fine of \$50.00. If a license has not been obtained by April 1st a second offense violation summons will be issued by the Board of Health Officer with a mandatory court appearance and a fine of not less than \$75.00 nor more than \$150.00.

Any person violating the remaining provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable for a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each offense.

4. Section 162-25 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury (“Code”), entitled “Violations and penalties,” is hereby amended to specify the penalty for the first and second offense for the failure to obtain a cat license, and shall read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 162-25. Violations and penalties

The violation and penalty required by the provisions of this article shall be the same as the violation and penalty of any dog under Article II of this chapter.

[Any person violating the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable for a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each offense.]

5. This Ordinance will take effect upon final adoption and publication, as provided for by law.

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on September 28, 2015. It will be further considered for final passage, after public herein thereon, at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the meeting room of Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street, in the Township of Cranbury on October 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., and during the week prior and up to and including the date of such meeting,

copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC
Township Clerk