

Ordinance # [] – Pet Waste

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in **[insert name of municipality]** to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations, shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. “Owner/Keeper” means any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- B. “Person” means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- C. “Pet” means any domesticated animal kept for companionship.
- D. “Pet solid waste” means feces from any domesticated animal.
- E. “Proper disposal” means placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

SECTION III. Regulated Activities:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet’s solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal for disabilities such as vision or hearing loss, or other physical disabilities, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose. This exemption is not applicable to pets that are exclusively emotional support animals.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the **[Police Department and/or other Municipal Officials of insert name of municipality]**.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed **[insert amount]**.

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Adoption Date: _____

Approved By: _____