

ORDINANCE NO. 2304-19

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 59
ENTITLED “ANIMALS” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury have determined that certain amendments to Chapter 59 entitled “**Animals**” are necessary; and

WHEREAS, in all other respects Chapter 59 entitled “Animals” shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 59-1. Is hereby amended to read as follows (amendment in boldface):

CAT: Any member of the domestic feline species.

CAT OF LICENSING AGE: Any cat that has attained the age of six months.

DOG: A carnivorous domesticated mammal (*Canis familiaris*), whether male or female, regardless of age.

OWNER: When applied to the proprietorship of a dog or cat, every person having a property right in such dog or cat, and every person who has such dog or cat in his or her keeping.

PET SHOP: Any room or group of rooms, cage or exhibition pen, not part of a kennel, in which dogs and cats for sale are kept or displayed.

STRAY OR ABANDONED ANIMAL: Any domesticated animal, carnivorous or otherwise.

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

VICIOUS DOG: Any dog which has attacked or bitten any human being or which habitually attacks other dogs or domestic animals.

Section 2. Chapter 59-32. Is hereby added:

- A. The Designated Township Official shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. Nothing herein shall prohibit a private citizen from bringing or signing a complaint for an alleged violation of this chapter.**
- B. Compliance with Requirements. Any owner of an animal within the Township, by the act of owning such animal does thereby authorize the Designated Township Official to enter the property where such animal is kept to investigate any alleged or suspected violation of any provision of this Chapter, or N.J.S.A. 4:22.**

Section 3. Chapter 59-33. Is hereby added:

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.

Severability.

Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Repealer.

All prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

When effective.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

CITY OF WOODBURY

Tracey Parker,
President of Council

Attest: _____
Daneen Fuss, City Clerk

Approved:

Jessica Floyd, Mayor

Date introduced: _____
Date advertised: _____
Date adopted: _____

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Carter				
Councilman Fleming				
Councilman Hagerty				
Councilman Johnson				
Councilman McIlvaine				
Councilwoman Miller				
Councilwoman O'Connor				
Councilwoman Tierney				
Council President Parker				
Mayor Floyd				

CERTIFICATION OF INTRODUCTION

I, Daneen D. Fuss hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance 2304-19 was introduced to the City Council, of the City of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey at a regular business meeting held on **February 12, 2019** at City Hall 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096.

Daneen D. Fuss
City Clerk

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Carter				
Councilman Fleming				
Councilman Hagerty				
Councilman Johnson				
Councilman McIlvaine				
Councilwoman Miller				
Councilwoman O'Connor				
Councilwoman Tierney				
Council President Parker				
Mayor Floyd				

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I, Daneen D. Fuss hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance 2304-19 was adopted after public hearing by the City Council, of the City of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey at a regular business meeting held on **February 26, 2019** at the library of the Junior Senior High School located at 25 North Board Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096

Daneen D. Fuss
City Clerk