

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance supplements and amends Chapter VI entitled "Licensing of Dogs" OF *The Revised Ordinances of the Township of Warren* by requiring compliance with P.L. 2015, c. 7 which imposes certain disclosure and reporting requirements on pet shops by amending the title of the Chapter, adding certain definitions, amending the definition of "pet shop" and adding certain subsections to Section 6-4 entitled "Licensing of Kennels, Pet Shops and Pounds."

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 15-11**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VI ENTITLED "LICENSING OF DOGS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, BY THE AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE OF THE CHAPTER, THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINITION OF "PET SHOP" AND THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS TO SECTION 6-4 ENTITLED "LICENSING OF KENNELS, PET SHOPS AND POUNDS."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter VI entitled "Licensing of Dogs" of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* is hereby supplemented and amended by the amendment of the title thereof to read as follows:

CHAPTER VI LICENSING OF DOGS; LICENSING OF KENNELS, PET SHOPS AND POUNDS

SECTION 2. Chapter VI entitled "Licensing of Dogs" of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* is hereby supplemented and amended by the addition of the following definitions to Section 6-1 entitled "Definitions" to read as follows:

"Breeder" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or organization in the business of breeding cats and dogs.

"Broker" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, or organization who sells a cat or dog to a pet shop, whether or not the broker is also the breeder of the dog or cat.

"Pet dealer" shall mean any person engaged in the ordinary course of business in the sale of cats or dogs to the public for profit or any person who sells or offers for sale more than five dogs or cats per year.

SECTION 3. Chapter VI entitled "Licensing of Dogs" of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* is hereby supplemented and amended by the deletion of the definition of "Pet shop" as set forth in Section 6-1 entitled "Definitions" and the amendment thereof to read as follows:

“Pet shop” shall mean [any room or group of rooms, cage or exhibition pen, not part of a kennel, wherein dogs for sale are kept or displayed] any place of business which is not part of a kennel, wherein animals, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, rabbits, hamsters or gerbils, are kept or displayed chiefly for the purpose of sale to individuals for personal appreciation and companionship rather than for business or research purposes.

SECTION 4. Section 6-4 entitled “Licensing of Kennels, Pet Shops and Pounds” of Chapter VI entitled “Licensing of Dogs” of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* is hereby supplemented and amended by the addition of the following subsections thereto to read as follows:

6-4.7 Compliance with P.L. 2015, c. 7. All pet shops and pet dealers shall comply with the provisions of P.L. 2015, c.7, as may be supplemented and amended, which, among other things, require pet shops and pet dealers to provide specific information to persons purchasing cats and dogs.

6-4.8 Reporting requirements. As required by of P.L. 2015, c.7, all pet shops shall be required to submit annually, by no later than May 1 of each year, a report to the Township providing the following information:

- a. The name, full street address, email address, if available, and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) license number of:
 1. Any breeder from which the pet shop purchased an animal, whether or not the pet shop offered the animal for sale;
 2. Any breeder that bred an animal that the pet shop purchased from a broker, whether or not the pet shop offered the animal for sale; and
 3. Any broker from which the pet shop purchased an animal, whether or not the pet shop offered the animal for sale.
- b. If a breeder whose identity the pet shop is required to report pursuant to subparagraph a.1. or a.2. above is required to be licensed in the state in which the breeder is located, the breeder's state license number;
- c. subparagraph a.3. above is different from any breeder whose identity the pet shop is required to report pursuant to subparagraph a.1. or a.2. above, and the broker is required to be licensed in the state in which the broker is licensed, the broker's state license number; and
- d. The total number of animals for each breeder and broker for which the pet shop has reporting requirements pursuant to subparagraphs a.1., a.2. and a.3. above.

6-4.9 Violations; Penalties. Any person who violates any of the provisions of P.L. 2015, c. 7 shall be subject to the penalties as set forth therein (N.J.S.A. 56:8-95.3).

6-4.10 Inspections. Suspension or Revocation of License. The Township Health Officer is authorized to inspect any pet shop or pet dealer located within the Township during regular business hours to ensure compliance with the provisions of P.L. 2015, c. 7. In the event of non-compliance with the provisions of P.L.2015,. c.7, including the reporting requirements as set forth in subsection 6-4.8, the Township Health Officer may recommend the suspension or revocation of any license required by subsection 6-4.1.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

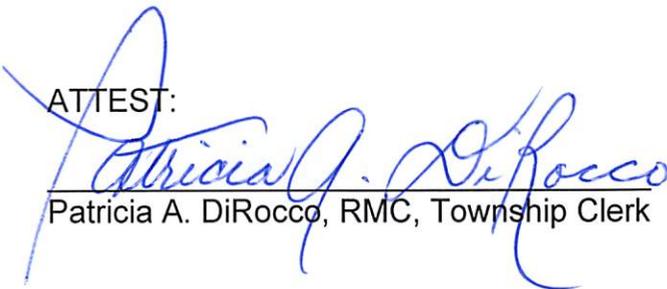
SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and final publication according to law.

Note to Codifier: Deleted provisions indicated by brackets [].
New provision indicated in underline _____.

WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

By: 
Michael C. Marion Mayor

ATTEST:


Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC, Township Clerk

Introduced June 18, 2015

Adopted July 16, 2015

Effective July 23, 2015