

Explanation: This Ordinance revises the Township’s existing code to increase the penalty for non-licensing of dogs, to clarify the administration of dog licensing and providing for a late fee to encourage licensing.

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 19-49**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VI, ENTITLED “LICENSING OF DOGS, LICENSING OF KENNELS, PET SHOPS, AND POUNDS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN BY REVISING SUBSECTION 6-3.2 ENTITLED “LICENSE FEES” OF SECTION 6-3 ENTITLED “LICENSING OF DOGS, LICENSING OF KENNELS, PET SHOPS, AND POUNDS” AND SECTION 6-15 ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.”

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 6-3.2 entitled “License Fees” of Section 6-3 entitled “License and Regulation” of Chapter VI entitled “Licensing of Dogs, Licensing of Kennels, Pet Shops, and Pounds” the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren is hereby amended as follows:

a. A person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog required to be licensed under the provision of N.J.S.A. 4:19-1 et seq. shall make an application to the township Board of Health clerk for a license and registration tag for such dog within the time limited by the aforesaid statute and shall pay ~~\$16.80. the following licensing fees:~~

- ~~— 1. \$5.80 per dog through December 31, 2012;~~
- ~~— 2. \$8.80 per dog through December 31, 2013;~~
- ~~— 3. \$11.80 per dog through December 31, 2014;~~
- ~~— 4. \$13.80 per dog through December 31, 2015; and~~
- ~~— 5. \$16.80 per dog after January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.~~

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c. A late fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed to any person who applies for a license and registration tag within thirty (30) days after the last day that such an application was otherwise required to be made. A late fee of \$10.00 per month shall be assessed to any person who applies for a license and registration tag thereafter.

SECTION 2. Section 6-15 entitled “Violations and Penalties” of Chapter VI entitled “Licensing of Dogs, Licensing of Kennels, Pet Shops, and Pounds” the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren is hereby amended as follows:

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or any of the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health governing the sanitary conduct and operation of kennels, pet shops, shelters and pounds, to preserve the sanitation therein and prevent the spread of rabies and other diseases of dogs within and from such establishments, shall be subject upon conviction thereof, to a penalty of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person violates the requirements of Section 6-3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren, said person shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 per dog per day, not to exceed \$500.00 per dog per annum.

Each day that a ~~such~~ violation of this chapter continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Warren, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

WARREN TOWNSHIP

Cathy Reese, RMC,
Township Clerk

Gary P. DiNardo, Mayor

INTRODUCED: October 17, 2019
ADOPTED: November 14, 2019
EFFECTIVE: November 21, 2019

Note to Codifier: Deleted provisions indicated by in ~~strike through~~.

New provision indicated in underline _____.