

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS
CREATING A NEW CHAPTER
ENTITLED, "PET WASTE"**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Purpose: An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Borough of Laurel Springs, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION 2. 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 not inconsistent 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. Immediate - shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- B. Owner/Keeper - 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.
- C. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- D. Pet - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- E. Pet solid waste - waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- F. Proper disposal - placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse 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 3. Requirement for Disposal: 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 4. Exemptions: Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION 5. Enforcement: This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or other Municipal Officials of the Borough of Laurel Springs.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions hereof, are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption, and publication in the manner prescribed by law.



David A. Thatcher, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Barbara M. Hawk, Municipal Clerk

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced on first reading by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs at their Meeting held on April 4, 2005 held in the Borough Hall. The ordinances will be considered for adoption after second reading and public hearing to be held on May 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 135 Broadway.



Barbara M. Hawk, Municipal Clerk

The foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Laurel Springs, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey after second reading and a public hearing at a Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2005 in the Borough Hall.



Barbara M. Hawk, RMC/CMC