

TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE
CUMBERLAND, COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PET WASTE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Township of Downe, so as to protect 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 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 III. 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 IV. 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 V. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police Port Norris Barricks and the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Downe.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalty:

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 \$1,000.00.

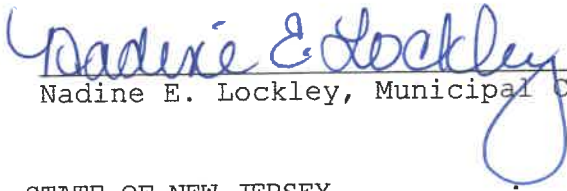
SECTION VII. Severability:

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 take effect immediately after final adoption and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:



Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk

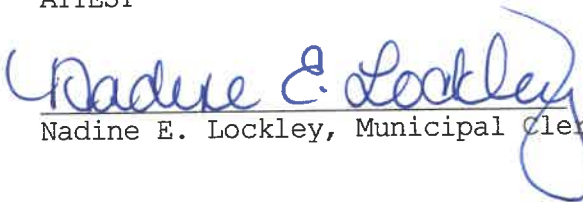


Michael L. Rothman, Mayor

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND :

Please take notice that the above Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing at a meeting of the Downe Township Committee on the 11th day of December, 2023 at the Downe Township Municipal Building in Newport, New Jersey.

ATTEST



Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RECORD FOR ORDINANCE # 2023-6**

Introduce Ordinance on First Reading

Motion: CAMPBELL

Second: BYRNE

Introduce Ordinance / First Reading Date: November 13, 2023
 Ordinance Published: November 17, 2023
 Ordinance Posted: November 14, 2023
 Public Hearing / Second Reading Date: December 11, 2023

ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jordan, L.	X			
Byrne, S.	X			
Rothman, M.	X			
Bart, E.				X
Campbell, R.	x			

Adoption of Ordinance

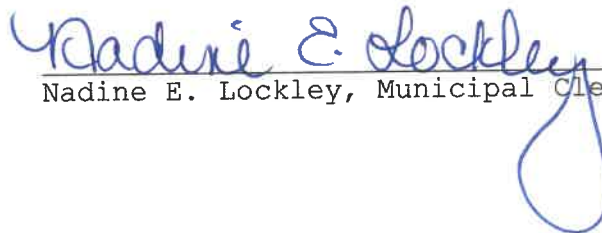
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Final Adoption Date: December 11, 2023
 Notice of Final Passage Published: December 19, 2023
 Notice of Final Passage Posted: December 11, 2023

December 11, 2023
 Date


 Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk