

## AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CAT LICENSING CODE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township of Winfield:

### SECTION I. Definitions

**CAT:** Any member of the domestic feline species; male, female or altered.

**CAT OF LICENSING AGE:** Any cat which has attained the age of seven months, or which possess a set of permanent teeth.

**ANIMAL:** For the purpose of this ordinance, animal shall mean cat.

**ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY:** Any person or agency designated or certified by the State of New Jersey to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

**OWNER:** When applied to the proprietorship of a cat shall include every person having a right of property (or custody) in such cat and every person who has such cat in his/her keeping, or who harbors or maintains a cat or knowingly permits a cat to remain on or about premises occupied by that person.

**CATTERY:** Shall mean any room or group of rooms, cage or exhibition pen, not part of a kennel; wherein cats for sale are kept or displayed.

**PERSON:** Any individual, corporation, partnership, organization or institution commonly recognized by law as a unit.

**LICENSING AUTHORITY:** The agency or department of the Township of Winfield or any designated representative thereof charged with administering the issuance and/or revocation of permits and licenses under the provisions of this ordinance.

**NEUTERED:** Rendered permanently incapable of reproduction as certified by a licensed veterinarian.

### SECTION 2. Provisions Relating to Rabies Vaccination of Cats

(a) Vaccination and License Requirements: No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any cat over seven months of age within the Township of Winfield, unless such cat is vaccinated and licensed. The provisions of this section do not apply to cats held in a cattery, or those held by a state or federal licensed research facility, or a veterinary establishment where cats are received or kept for diagnostic, medical, surgical or other treatments or licensed animal shelters, pounds, kennels or pet shops.

(b) Vaccination: All cats shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the latest "Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines and Recommendations for Immunization" published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, except as provided for in Section (d).

(c) Vaccination Certificate: A certificate of vaccination shall be issued to the owner of each animal vaccinated on a form recommended by the State.

(d) Exemptions: Any cat may be exempted from the requirements of such vaccination for a specified period of time by the licensing authority, upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity or other physical condition, or regimen of therapy, the inoculation of such cat shall be deemed inadvisable.

### **SECTION 3: Licensing Requirements**

(a) Cats Must Have License Number Displayed: Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a cat of licensing age shall annually apply for a procure from the clerk of the municipality or other official designated by the governing body thereof to license cats in the municipality in which he/she resides, a license and official registration tag with license number or a registration sleeve for each cat so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon such cat a collar or other device with the license number securely fastened or displayed thereto. Acceptable methods of displaying license number shall include, but are not limited to, break-away or elastic collars. License tags or sleeves are not transferable.

(b) Time for Applying for License: The owner of any newly acquired cat of licensing age or of any cat which attains licensing age, shall make application for license tag or sleeve for such cat within ten days after such acquisition or age attainment. This requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a cat within the Township of Winfield for no longer than 90 days.

(c) Cats Brought Into the Township of Winfield: Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the Township of Winfield, any cat licensed in another state for the current year, and bearing registration tag or sleeve, and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the Township of Winfield for a period of more than 90 days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the Township of Winfield any unlicensed cat, and shall keep same or permit same to be kept within the Township of Winfield for a period of more than ten days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

(d) Application, Contents, Preservation of Information: The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of the cat for which license and registration are sought and whether it is of long or short haired variety; also the name, street and post office address of the owner and the person who shall keep or harbor such cat. The information on said application and the registration number issued for the cat shall be preserved for a period of three years by the clerk or other local official designated to license cats in the municipality.

(e) License Forms and Tags: License forms and official tags or sleeves shall be furnished by the municipality and shall be numbered serially and shall bear the year of issuance and the name of the municipality.

(f) Evidence of Inoculation with Rabies Vaccine or Certification of Exemption: Requirement for License: The Township Clerk or other official designated by the licensing authority to license cats shall not grant any such license and official registration tag or sleeve for any cat unless the owner thereof provides evidence that the cat to be licensed

and registered has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Human Services or has been certified exempt as provided by Section II of this ordinance. The rabies inoculation shall be administered by a duly licensed veterinarian or by such other veterinarian permitted by law to do the same.

(g) License Fee Schedule: A license shall be issued after payment of a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each cat. Persons who fail to obtain a license as required within the time period specified in this section will be subject to a delinquent fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00).

(h) Fees, Renewals, Expiration Date of License: Any person who shall own, keep or harbor or suffer the keeping or harboring within his household of any cat of licensing age shall, in the month of January, 1991, and annually thereafter, apply for and procure from the Township Clerk a license and official registration tag for each such cat owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such cat a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto. For the annual renewal, the fee for the license and registration tag shall be the same as for the original license and registration tag and said licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on the last day of January in each year.

Only one license and registration tag or sleeve shall be required in the licensing year for any cat in the Township of Winfield. Any valid New Jersey license tag or sleeve issued by a New Jersey municipality shall be accepted by the Township of Winfield as evidence of compliance.

(i) Loss of License: If a license tag or sleeve has been misplaced or lost, the Township Clerk may issue a duplicate license and/or registration sleeve for that particular cat at a fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

(j) Proof of Licensing: Proof of licensing shall be produced by any person owning, keeping, maintaining or harboring a cat, upon the request of any health official, police officer, animal control officer or other authorized person.

(k) Interfering With Persons Performing Duties Under This Ordinance: No person shall hinder, molest or interfere with anyone authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this ordinance.

(l) Disposition of Fees Collected: License fees and other monies collected or received under the provisions of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the Township of Winfield and shall be placed in a special account separate from any of the other accounts of the Township of Winfield and shall be used for the following purposes only: collecting, keeping and disposing of cats liable for seizure, for local prevention and control of rabies, providing anti-rabies treatment under the direction of the local board of health for any person known or suspected to have been exposed to rabies, and for administering the provisions of this ordinance. Any unexpected balance remaining in such special account shall be retained until the end of the third fiscal year following, and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in this section. At the end of the said third fiscal year following, and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred from such special account to the general funds of the Township of Winfield any amount

then in such account which is in excess of the total amount paid into the special account during the last two fiscal years next preceding.

#### **SECTION 4: Penalty**

(a) Violations of Ordinance: Penalty: Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, any person who violates or who fails or refuses to comply with this ordinance shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, to be recovered by and in the name of the local board of health or by and in the name of the municipality.

#### **SECTION 5: Limited Number**

No person shall own, keep or harbor or suffer the keeping or harboring within his household of more than four (4) cats of licensing age.

#### **SECTION 6: Repeals Conflicting Ordinances**

All other ordinances or the Township of Winfield which are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### **SECTION 7: Severability**

If any part of this ordinance shall be invalid, such parts shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining part of this ordinance.

#### **SECTION 8: Applicability**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication according to law.



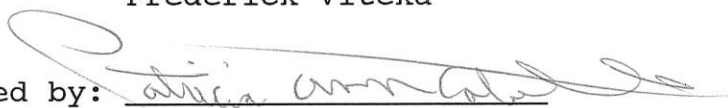
David P. Wright, Sr.  
Chairman, Township Committee

Motioned by:



Frederick Viteka

Seconded by:

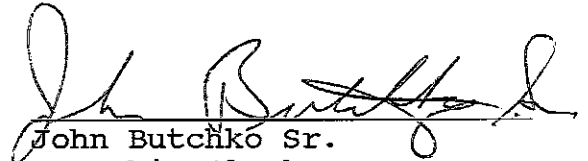


Patricia Ann Catullo


Dated: April 16, 1990

**Public Notice**

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee held April 2, 1990, and will be considered for Public Hearing and final adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on April 16, 1990 at 7:45 PM at the Municipal Building, 12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield, NJ.

  
John Butchko Sr.  
Township Clerk**Public Notice**

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John Butchko Sr.  
Township Clerk