

**PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 23-015
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 56 “ANIMAL NUISANCES”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pilesgrove that the following amendments be made to Chapter 56, Animal Nuisances, of the Code of the Township of Pilesgrove:

Sections **56-33**, “Prohibited Acts; Violations and Penalties” shall be amended to include the following definitions:

Definitions:

- 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.

Further, section 56.33(D)(2)(b) is amended to read:

D.

Defecation on public or private property prohibited; exception.

(1)

No person owning, harboring, keeping, or in charge of any dog or cat shall cause, suffer or allow such an animal to soil, defile, or defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypass, park, open space area, or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any public property whatsoever, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the property.

(2)

Notwithstanding anything contained in Subsection **D(1)** to the contrary, the restrictions as set forth above shall not apply to that portion of the street lying between the curblines, which shall be used to curb such dog upon the following conditions:

(a)

The person who curbs the dog/cat shall immediately remove feces deposited by the dog/cat by a sanitary method, such as in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leakproof container, i.e., plastic bag.

(b)

The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be properly disposed of in a sanitary manner by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog/cat curbed, but shall not be placed in a public trash receptacle or storm drain.

Finally, section 56.33(F) shall be amended to read:

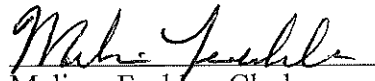
F. Penalties. The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer and the Local Board of Health of Township of Pilesgrove. Any individual found guilty of violating this article or who is responsible

for an animal which commits any of the preceding acts shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both.

The amendments to this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.


Kevin Bachus, Mayor

ATTEST:


Melissa Fackler, Clerk

September 12, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Pilesgrove at a meeting held on August 1, 2023 and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at a meeting to be held by the Township Committee of Pilesgrove Township at the Pilesgrove Township Municipal Building, 1180 Route 40, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098 on September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pilesgrove after second reading and a public hearing held the 12th day of September, 2023.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk