

Ordinance 2020-14

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL”, SUBSECTION 5-1.3, ENTITLED “CONDUCT”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Administration, Inspection, and Police Departments of the Borough desire to amend the ordinance of the Borough governing animal noises to increase the ability of responders to enforce same; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council find this change would be advantageous to the quality of life in the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 5, entitled “Animal Control”, is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

5-1.3 Conduct.

- a. Running at Large. No dog shall run at large at any time within the limits of the Borough.
- b. Leashing. No dog shall be permitted off of the premises of the person owning, keeping or harboring it unless accompanied by a person who is capable of controlling it and who has the dog securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash or chain not more than six (6) feet long.
- c. Property Damage. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit or suffer it to do any injury or to do any damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds or property of persons other than the owner or person having the care, custody and control of such dog.
- d. Defiling Public Places. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit or suffer it to soil or defile or commit any nuisance upon any sidewalk, street or thoroughfare or in or upon any public property or place.
- e. Personal Injury. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit or suffer it to cause any injury to any person.
- f. Disturbing the Peace. No person shall keep any animal, including but not limited to any bird or dog, which causes frequent or long continued noise, or shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity. For purposes of this subsection, a dog barking, or other pet making a disturbing noise, continually for ten (10) minutes or intermittently for thirty (30) minutes, and plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which or land on which it is located, shall be evidence of a violation of this section.
- g. Wearing of Registration. All dogs for which licenses are required by the provisions of this section shall wear a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereto. (1991 Code § 87-3)

5-1.10 Enforcement.

- a. Authorized Enforcement Agents; Interference with Official Duties. This Ordinance may be enforced by any representative of the Code Enforcement Department of the Borough or any member of the Borough’s Police

Department. No person shall hinder, molest or interfere with anyone authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this section.

b. Access to Premises. Any officer or agent authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this section is hereby authorized to go upon any premises to seize for impounding any dog which he may lawfully seize and impound when such officer is in immediate pursuit of such dog, except upon the premises of the owner of the dog if the owner is present and forbids the same.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 3. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

Introduction: November 2, 2020

Adoption:

ATTEST:

DEBRA L. SOPRONYI
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LAWRENCE D. QUATTRONE
MAYOR