

ORDINANCE # 2019-05

ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF DOGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Shrewsbury has established a number of Ordinances establishing fees for participants in various activities including an Ordinance providing for the registration, licensing and regulation of dogs originally adopted on September 2, 1953, amended in June 1960, amended again October 8, 1991, amended again in 1996, amended again in 2007 and once again in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has allowed for increased fees and late fees for the registration and licensing of dogs, and the regulation of dogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Shrewsbury, State of New Jersey that the following existing Ordinance shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 3 – No person owning, keeping, maintained or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit the same to run at large at any time in the Municipality of Shrewsbury Township, except that this provision shall not apply to dogs while they are being trained, provided that at all times such dogs are under the control of the owner or trainer. No person owing or having the care, custody or control of any dog shall suffer or permit such dog to go or be off the premises owned by or in possession of said person unless the dog shall be accompanied by a person who is capable of controlling such dog and who has the dog securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash, not more than 6 ft. long.

SECTION 4

a. Prohibited Conduct: Exception. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on, or permit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park, public sports playing field, 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 said property. This restriction shall not apply to that portion

of the public street lying between the curb lines, which portion of the street shall be used to curb dogs, provided that said person who curbs such dog shall remove all feces deposited by such animal in a sanitary container or such other means as may be approved by the County Board of Health, and that the feces removed shall be disposed of by the person owing, possessing or controlling said dog in a sanitary manner approved by said Board of Health.

b. Removal of Feces. In the event that any dog shall, through inadvertence or otherwise soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance where not permitted by this Ordinance, the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of such dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the County Board of Health.

c. Exempt Persons. This section shall not apply or be enforced against blind persons in connection with their use of seeing-eye dogs.

SECTION 10 – Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00, a term of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof. This Ordinance may be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Official or State Police.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effective immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

First Reading/Introduction: June 18, 2019

Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption: July 16, 2019

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Howard, Clerk

APPROVE: _____
Edward Nolan, Mayor