

ORDINANCE #2015-08
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND CONTROLLING UNCONFINED AND FERAL CATS

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury has determined that feral cats constitute a health and safety threat to the residents of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, as follows:

SECTION 1. Unconfined Cats, Definition: an unconfined cat shall be a cat which does not spend anytime within the home of an owner. An unconfined cat and a feral cat shall be deemed to be the same. These animals live wild and may or may not be owned by any person.

SECTION 2. Violation: It shall be a violation to harbor, maintain or feed unconfined cats, except if expressly authorized by the Township of Shrewsbury as part of an organized program to trap, neuter and release (TNR) altered animals. Said program shall be approved before the commencement of such program. Each animal harbored, maintained or fed shall constitute a separate offense. The Township of Shrewsbury also reserves the right to rescind such authorization.

SECTION 3. Penalty: Any person who violates any provision of Section 2 shall be liable on a first offense for not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00, on a second offense not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$250.00, for a third or subsequent offense not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00.

Committeemember Melillo introduced the aforesaid Ordinance and Committeemember Bailly seconded said Ordinance for introduction.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: 2
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1

Committeemember **Melillo** moved the aforesaid Ordinance for second reading for Public Hearing and upon closure of said Public Hearing move for its final reading and adoption, seconded by Committeemember **Bailly**

ROLL CALL

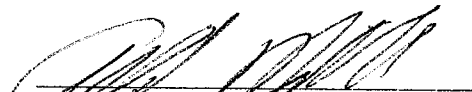
Ayes: 2
Nays: 1
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Date Introduced: 7/14/15

Date Adopted: 9/8/15

ATTEST:


Janet Deleonardo, Clerk


Alfred Melillo, Mayor