

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER V,
ANIMAL CONTROL, SECTION 5, REGULATIONS, AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER
XVI, HOUSING AND RENT CONTROL, SECTION 3, TAX SURCHARGE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, Middlesex County, finds it in the best interest of the public to amend Chapter V, Animal Control, Section 5, Regulations, and supplement Chapter XVI, Housing and Rent Control, Section 3, Tax Surcharge, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway regarding the maximum number of dogs allowed on residential property and codification of N.J.S.A 54:4-6.12; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Piscataway, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter V, Animal Control, Section 5, Regulations, and Chapter XVI, Housing and Rent Control, Section 3, Tax Surcharge, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway are hereby amended with additions shown in italics and deletions shown in brackets with text as follows:

CHAPTER V

ANIMAL CONTROL

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5-5 REGULATIONS.

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h. Maximum Number of Dogs.

1. No person shall own, keep or harbor nor suffer the maintenance within his household of more than [three (3)] *five (5)* dogs at any time upon any residential, commercial or industrial property within the Township [less than one (1) acre in size]. [One (1) additional dog may be kept or maintained upon the premises for every acre in excess of one (1) acre, up to a maximum of five (5) dogs total for any residential, commercial or industrial property.] The maximum number of dogs allowable for any townhouse, condominium, apartment or similar multifamily living unit shall be two (2) for each such dwelling unit. Puppies under the age of four (4) months are excepted herefrom. Animal hospitals, licensed kennels, pet shops, shelters, pounds or training facilities for the blind are not regulated pursuant to this paragraph. Any person desiring to maintain a number of dogs in excess of those permitted herein must possess a kennel license as required in subsection 5-11.1.

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CHAPTER XVI

HOUSING AND RENT CONTROL

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16-3 TAX SURCHARGE.

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16-3.6 Failure to provide rebate, notice, certification, information, required, penalty; enforcement; jurisdiction.

Any landlord of a qualified real rental property, as defined in N.J.S.A. 54:4-6.3, who fails to provide property tax rebates to tenants, or who knowingly and willfully fails to provide or post any notice, certification, information or statement required by the "Tenants' Property Tax Rebate Act" shall be liable for a penalty of not more than \$100.00 for each offense.

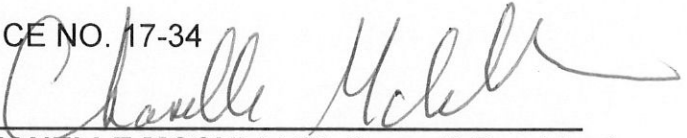
The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Police Department, Code Enforcement Officials and the Tax Collector of the Township of Piscataway.

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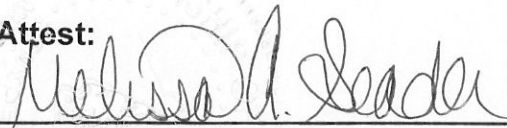
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, final passage and publication as required by law.


CHANELLE MCCULLUM, Council President

Attest:


MELISSA A. SEADER, Township Clerk

Adopted, First Reading:

November 28, 2017

Publication Date:

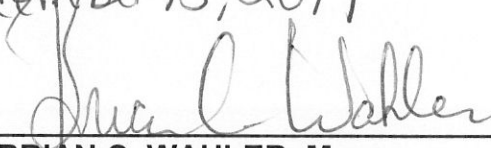
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Adopted, Second Reading:

December 12, 2017

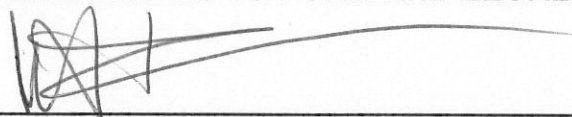
Publication Date:

December 15, 2017


BRIAN C. WAHLER, Mayor

Date: 12-13-2017

CERTIFIED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


MICHAEL J. BAKER, ESQ., Township Attorney

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter V, Animal Control, Section 5, Regulations, and supplementing Chapter XVI, Housing and Rent Control, Section 3, Tax Surcharge of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Piscataway regarding the maximum number of dogs allowed on residential property and codification of N.J.S.A 54:4-6.12, regarding property tax rebates to tenants.