

TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 61, "ANIMALS," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN, PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR THE RETURN OF DOGS AND CATS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 61, "Animals," Article I, "Regulating and Licensing of Dogs," of the Code of Township of Manalapan, Section 61-7, "Impoundment and destruction of certain dogs; fees." Subsection 61-7E, "Administrative fee," be and the same is hereby amended and supplemented to read, in full, as follows:

"Administrative fee. In order for a dog or other animal to be returned to the person owning, keeping or harboring same, when the dog or other animal has been seized by or otherwise comes into the possession of the Animal Control Officer, there must be paid an administrative fee, which is hereby established. This fee shall be exclusive of any charges or fees of a kennel for the custody, care, maintenance, control or disposal of the dog or other animal. The administrative fee shall be payable to the Township in the following manner:

- (1) The administrative fee for the return of a dog or other animal shall be \$60.00.
- (2) If the dog or other animal is returned to the person owning, keeping or harboring same, at such person's home or place of residence, the fee shall be payable within 10 days of the return, or else the Animal Control Officer will issue a summons for failure to pay the fee; or
- (3) If the dog or other animal is to be claimed by the person owning, keeping or harboring the animal at a kennel, proof of payment of the administrative fee must be presented at that time to the kennel."

SECTION II. Chapter 61, “Animals,” Article II, “Regulating and Licensing of Cats,” of the Code of Township of Manalapan, Section 61-27, “Impoundment and destruction of certain cats; fees.” Subsection 61-7E, “Administrative fee,” be and the same is hereby amended and supplemented to read, in full, as follows:

“Administrative fee. In order for a cat or other animal to be returned to the person owning, keeping or harboring same, when the cat or other animal has been seized by or otherwise comes into the possession of the Animal Control Officer, there must be paid an administrative fee, which is hereby established. This fee shall be exclusive of any charges or fees of a kennel for the custody, care, maintenance, control or disposal of the cat or other animal. The administrative fee shall be payable to the Township in the following manner:

- (1) The administrative fee for the return of a cat or other animal shall be \$60.00.
- (2) If the cat or other animal is returned to the person owning, keeping or harboring same, at such person’s home or place of residence, the fee shall be payable within 10 days of the return, or else the Animal Control Officer will issue a summons for failure to pay the fee; or
- (3) If the cat or other animal is to be claimed by the person owning, keeping or harboring the animal at a kennel, proof of payment of the administrative fee must be presented at that time to the kennel.”

SECTION III. All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. Should any section, paragraph, clause or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ordinance published herewith was Introduced and approved at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan held on [October 13, 2021](#). This Ordinance will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing thereon before the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan during a meeting to be held on [October 27, 2021](#) at the Municipal Complex, 120 Route 522 and Taylors Mills Road, Manalapan, New Jersey at [7:30 p.m.](#) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time any and all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The proposed Ordinance in its entirety is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office and copies may be obtained without charge between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A complete copy may also be obtained from the Manalapan Township web-site www.mtnj.org under Agenda posted for the Township Committee meeting of [October 27, 2021](#).

SHARI ROSE, RMC
Municipal Clerk