

TOWNSHIP OF HARDING

ORDINANCE 14-2023

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REVISING CHAPTER 90, SECTION 3, SEIZURE OF DOGS AND TO BE RENAMED SEIZURE OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16, a certified animal control officer appointed by the governing body of the municipality must take into custody and impound certain dogs and other animals; and

WHEREAS, Harding Township has established Chapter 90, Section 3, to implement N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 90, Section 3, requires an amendment to add additional circumstances upon which the animal control officer must take into custody and impound certain dogs and other animals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 90, Section 3 of the Township Code of the Township of Harding to adhere to the circumstances as outlined in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16 where a dog and other animals may be taken into custody and impounded.

SECTION 1. The Municipal Code, Chapter 90, Section 3, "Seizure of Dogs" chart is hereby renamed to be "Seizure of Dogs and Other Animals" and shall read as follows:

§90-3 Seizure of Dogs and Other Animals

Any person authorized by the Township Committee to seize dogs or other animals shall take into custody and impound or cause to be taken into custody and impounded:

- A. Any dog off the premises of the owner or of the person keeping or harboring said dog, which said official or his agent has reason to believe is a stray dog.
- B. Any dog off the premises of the owner or of the person keeping or harboring said dog without a current registration tag on its collar or elsewhere.
- C. Any female dog in season off the premises of the owner or the person charged with the care of the dog.
- D. Any dog or other animal which is suspected to be rabid.

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E. Any dog or other animal off the premises of the owner or the person charged with its care that is reported to, or observed by, a certified animal control officer to be ill, injured, or creating a threat to public health, safety, or welfare, or otherwise interfering with the enjoyment of property.

F. For the purposes of this section, other animals shall include, but not be limited to, cats.

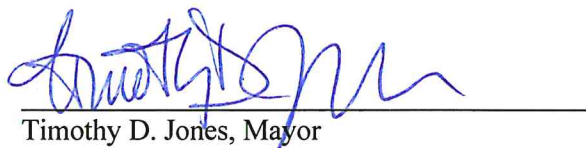
SECTION 2. This ordinance may be renumbered for the purposes of codification.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days following final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF HARDING


Lisa A. Sharp, Municipal Clerk


Timothy D. Jones, Mayor

INTRODUCED: November 13, 2023

ADVERTISED: November 16, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING:

ADOPTED:

ADVERTISED:

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN
Ms. Chipperson		☒	☐	☐
Dr. Lacz	1st	☒	☐	☐
Mr. Platt		☒	☐	☐
Mr. Yates	2nd	☒	☐	☐
Mr. Jones		☒	☐	☐