

TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AMENDING CHAPTER 101, “ANIMALS,” ARTICLE IV, “COMMUNITY CAT/TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM” SECTION 101-31 “TRAPPING REQUIREMENTS” TO ESTABLISH A TRAP RENTAL PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED FEES

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken like many communities throughout the State of New Jersey and the United States, desires to effectively and humanely control the feral cat population within its borders; and

WHEREAS, although the Township Committee believes that it is most appropriate for cats to be domesticated and remain indoors, they recognize that feral cats, in the vast majority of cases, are not suitable to be taken indoors as pets as they have become accustomed to surviving in the wild; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of Township residents that a program be established to permit individuals to trap feral cats in accordance with certain rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, through a public-private partnership the Township has established a Community Cat Management Program in an effort to protect the public health, reduce shelter euthanasia and preserve scarce shelter resources; and

WHEREAS, this Community Cat Program will include a trap rental program with associated fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

Chapter 101, of the code of the Township of Pennsauken, entitled “Animals” and Article IV entitled “Community Cat/ Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program” is hereby amended to add a new Section 101-31.G and 101-31.H to authorize a trap rental program and associated fees as follows:

Section 101-31: TRAPPING REQUIREMENTS

G. Trap Rental Program. The Township through the TNR Program and under the supervision of the Animal Control Officer (ACO) shall provide resources to manage the scheduling, distribution and tracking of traps. This management includes resident trap request forms, pick-up and drop off of reserved traps for the TNR program. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) will verify residency and communicate on trap use, protocols, policies and trap return instructions.

H. Fees. In the event the trap is not returned or returned damaged or in an unclean condition or unusable condition, the following fees shall be assessed: \$75.00 for a small trap and \$90.00 for a large trap.

Section V. REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP

**PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC, CMR
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, Camden County, New Jersey at its regular meeting open to the public, ON March 17, 2022, and a public hearing upon the said Ordinance will be conducted by the Township Committee at a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. open to the public. During the week prior and up to including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be mailed at no cost via an email clerk@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or phone call 856-665-1000 x124 request, to the Pennsauken Township's Clerk office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.