

ORDINANCE #2024-7

“AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSGROVE”

Section I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Township of Upper Pittsgrove, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

Section II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet – a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for the amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

Section III. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet’s solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

Section V. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Upper Pittsgrove Township Zoning Official.

Section VI. Violations and Penalty:

Any person (s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100).

Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section VII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Dated: April 9, 2024

BY: Edward J. Meschi

**ATTEST: Linda R. Stephens, RMC
Township Clerk**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey on the 9th day of April, 2024 and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing to be held by said Township Committee at Township Hall, Pole Tavern, New Jersey on the 14th day of May, 2024 at 7:00P.M.

**Linda R. Stephens, RMC
Township Clerk**