

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AMENDING CHAPTER 82, "DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS" OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 82, "Dogs and Other Animals", of the Code of the Township of West Deptford be and is hereby amended, as follows:

§82-1. Definitions.

REPLACE the first paragraph as follows:

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 the 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.

ADD the following definitions:

IMMEDIATE – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

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.

PERSON – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PET - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.

PET SOLID WASTE – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement

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.

ADD the following sections:

§82-19. 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.

§82-20. Exemptions.

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

§82-21. Enforcement.

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Police Department and the Local Board of Health of the Township of West Deptford.

§82-22. 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By:
ANNA DOCIMO, Mayor

ATTEST:

RAYMOND L. SHERMAN, Clerk

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the day of , 2006, at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford to be held on the day of , 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 400 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey.

RAYMOND L. SHERMAN, Clerk