

ORDINANCE NO. 34-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 117 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS UNDER ARTICLE I AND CHAPTER 198 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS UNDER ARTICLE I PROHIBITING THE ENTRY OF DOGS OR OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS ONTO THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AND ALL RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the cleanliness and proper maintenance of the Township's athletic fields, parks and recreation facilities is a primary concern of the Board of Recreation Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has found and determined that some persons are permitting their dogs or other domestic animals to defecate on the Township's public property (whether leashed or not) and/or disturb and cause damage to those athletic fields and recreation facilities which are utilized by the Township's children and adults and considered important community amenities; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Board that the Township Committee approve and adopt regulations that prohibit dogs or other domestic animals from entering into and upon any athletic field or recreation facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 117-10.E. under Section 117-10. entitled "Additional Regulations" under Article I of Chapter 117 of the Code of the Township entitled Dogs and Other Animals is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following inserted in its place and stead:

“E. Running at Large. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or other domestic animal shall permit such animals to run at large upon the Township’s public streets, or in, or upon any Township athletic field, recreation facility (e.g., tennis courts, hockey rinks, or any other athletic playing court), public building or other public place or any private property, other than the owner’s property within the Township.”

Section 2. Paragraph 117-10.F. under Section 117-10. entitled “Additional Regulations” under Article I of Chapter 117 of the Code of the Township entitled Dogs and Other Animals is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following inserted in its place and stead:

“F. Leashed Dogs. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or domestic animal shall permit such animals upon the Township’s public streets or in any other public place unless the dog or domestic animal is accompanied by a responsible person and is securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not exceeding six (6’) feet in length. However, no leashed dog or other domestic animal shall be permitted to enter upon any Township athletic field, recreation facility, (e.g., tennis courts, hockey rinks, or any other athletic playing court) or public building. Leashed service dogs shall be permitted to enter the Municipal Building, Community Center and Monroe Hall.”

Section 3. Section 198-2. Entitled “Proper and Orderly Conduct” under Article I of Chapter 198 of the Code of the Township entitled Park and Recreation Areas is hereby amended and supplemented with the inclusion of a new Paragraph C.1. as follows:

“C.1. No leashed or unleashed dog or other domestic animal shall be permitted to enter upon any Township athletic field, or recreation facility such as tennis courts, hockey rinks, or any other athletic playing court.”

Section 4. Section 198-2. entitled “Proper and Orderly Conduct” under Article I of Chapter 198 of the Code of the Township entitled Park and Recreation Areas is hereby amended and supplemented with the inclusion of a new Paragraph P. as follows:

“P. Play golf or pitch and putt activities in or upon any Township park or parkland open space areas.”

Section 5. In case, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any

other section or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

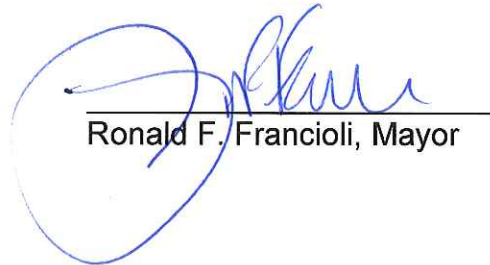
Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk


Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: November 8, 2018
DATE OF ADOPTION: December 13, 2018

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 13th day of December, 2018 at a meeting duly convened, of said Body.


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk