#### TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

#### **ORDINANCE #23-24**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER NO. 148 ANIMAL CONTROL; DOG LICENSING OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON BY AMENDING ARTICLE III ANIMAL CONTROL; DOG LICENSING, SECTION 148-26 REGULATION OF DOGS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 148 is amended and supplemented as follows:

# **SECTION 1**

# § 148-26. Regulation of Dogs.

G. Vernon Township shall require a Kennel, Pet Shop or pound license to be issued for any property within Vernon Township in which ten (10) or more dogs are maintained, kept, or live. This section shall not, however, be applicable to a litter of puppies maintained in or upon any such property within six calendar months of birth. Any owner or occupant of such property not licensed with Vernon Township as a Kennel, Pet Shop or Pound wherein ten (10) or more dogs are kept shall be deemed to have violated this section. Violators of this subsection shall be subject to a mandatory minimum penalty of \$100.00 per day, per dog exceeding the ten (10) dog or more threshold. The maximum penalty set forth in Chapter 1, Article II, § 1-19, Violations and penalties.

## **SECTION 2**

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity of constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

#### **SECTION 3**

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

#### **SECTION 4**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately as provided by law.

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on November 27, 2023, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on December 11, 2023 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.

Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk

Township of Vernon

Howard Burrell, Mayo

# **Township of Vernon**

INTRODUCED: November 27, 2023

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeBenedetto, J.	X		X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			
Sparta, B.		X	X			
Tadrick, J.			X			
Buccieri, N.			X			

ADOPTED: December 11, 2023

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeBenedetto, J.		X	X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			
Sparta, B.	X		X			
Tadrick, J.			X			
Buccieri, N.			X			