

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE NO. 9-2023**

AMENDING ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 97, ANIMALS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 97, Article I, of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (added text underlined; deleted text ~~stricken~~):

Article I Regulation of Dogs and Cats

§ 97-1 Definitions.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-2 License and registration tag required; expiration.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-3 Application for license; renewal; dogs brought into state.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-4 Filing of license application.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-5 Kennels, pet shops, shelters or pounds.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-6 Fees.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-7 Running at large; public nuisances.

A. No person owning, leasing, keeping, harboring or having custody of any dog and/or cat shall suffer or permit said dog and/or cat to run at large in the City of Northfield at any time. ~~subject to the provisions and conditions of N.J.S.A. 23:4-25 of the Fish and Game Law of the State of New Jersey.~~ For the purposes of this article and chapter, the phrase "run at large" shall be defined to mean any dog or cat who is on property other than that of its owner or custodian and who, further, is not on a leash or restraint having a length of six feet or less.

B. Public nuisances.

- (1) It shall be unlawful to own, harbor, keep or maintain a dog and/or a cat within the City unless the owner thereof or the person or persons harboring or maintaining the same shall exercise sufficient and proper control and care over such animal at all times so as to prevent the animal from becoming a public nuisance or otherwise violating this chapter.
- (2) Within the meaning of this section, a dog and/or cat shall be considered a public nuisance if it has no known owner or custodian or if it has no known place of care or shelter, or if it trespasses upon or damages either public or private property, or annoys, bites, scratches or continually cries, barks or emits other sounds ~~disturbing to a person of reasonable and ordinary~~

~~sensitivity~~ so as to disturb the peace and quiet.

- (3) It shall also be a public nuisance for the owner of any dog and/or cat to allow the habitual or continual emission of obnoxious or unpleasant odors on other than the property of the owner or custodian of such animal, provided that such odors would be offensive to a person of reasonable and ordinary sensitivity. This shall be deemed to include odors emitting from any dwelling, structure or area housing such animals.

§ 97-8 Rabies vaccination required.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-9 Impounding; notice; destruction; experimentation prohibited.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-10 Right of entry for seizure.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-11 Interference with authorized persons prohibited.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-12 Violations and penalties.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-13 Refusal to pay judgment; confinement in jail.

NO CHANGE

§ 97-14 Adoption of statutory provisions.

NO CHANGE

- 1) This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in the manner prescribed by law.
- 2) **Repealer.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
- 3) **Severability.** If any Section or part of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or illegal in any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said part is severable from the Ordinance as a whole and the remaining sections or parts of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Erland Chau, Mayor

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey held on June 27, 2023, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said Council held July 18, 2023 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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