

****Adopted December 17, 2007****

TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO

ORDINANCE No. 2007 - 14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO AMENDING
THE FEE FOR THE LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS**

WHEREAS, the Township is permitted by N.J.S.A. § 4:19-15.12 to register and license dogs and cats in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Township uses funds generate from the licensing and registration of dogs and cats to help protect the public and animals from the spread of rabies to animals and humans, to protect the public from animal-related nuisances and threats to public health, safety and welfare, to foster the objective of assuring animals owners meet their responsibility for the control and care of dogs and cats and to administer the licensing program; and

WHEREAS, the Township has evaluated the collection of fees and determined that additional funds are necessary to sustain these public purposes; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007, Chapter 1, Section 1 was enacted by the State of New Jersey to increase the fees for said purposes allowing a fee of up to \$21.00 per animal.

WHEREAS, state law requires additional fees amounting to \$1.20 for the licensing of dogs which are not levied against cats; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires the license fees for dogs and cats be uniform for the residents of Delanco; and

WHEREAS, the license and registration tag for each animal shall be \$12.00 with an additional \$3.00 fee if the animal is not spayed or neutered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco that Sections 123-12A and 123-20G of the Code of the Township of Delanco be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

§ 123-12A of the Code is amended to read as follows:

- A. A person applying for a dog license and registration tag shall pay a fee of \$10.80 for each dog.

§ 123-20G of the Code is amended to read as follows:

G. License fee schedule. A license shall be issued after payment of a fee of \$15.00 for each unneutered cat and \$12.00 for each neutered cat. Persons who fail to obtain a license as required within the time period specified in this section will be subject to a delinquent fee of \$3.00 per month.

ARTICLE II. REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect beginning with all licenses for the calendar year 2008 upon proper passage in accordance with the law.