#### TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12**

AN ORDINDANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AMENDING CHAPTER 101, "ANIMALS" TO FURTHER REGULATE CATS AND ADDING ARTICLE IV, CREATING A COMMUNITY CAT/TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken like many communities throughout the State of New Jersey and the United States, desires to effectively and humanely control the feral cat population within its borders; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Township Committee believes that it is most appropriate for cats to be domesticated and remain indoors, they recognize that feral cats, in the vast majority of cases, are not suitable to be taken indoors as pets as they have become accustomed to surviving in the wild; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of Township residents that a program be established to permit individuals to maintain feral cat colonies in accordance with certain rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, through a public-private partnership the Township seeks to establish a Community Cat Management Program in an effort to protect the public health, reduce shelter euthanasia and preserve scarce shelter resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

Chapter 101, of the code of the Township of Pennsauken, entitled "Animals" is hereby amended to further regulate cats and Article IV is added entitled "Community Cat/ Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program" as follows:

The <u>Code</u> is hereby amended as follows [newly added material is indicated by <u>underlined</u> text; deletions are indicated with <u>strikethrough</u>]:

# **Article I. Dogs and Cats**

# **Section 101-1: Definitions Remains the same**

# **Section 101-2: Dog License Required Remains the same**

## Section 101-2.1: Cat License Required (Beginning January 1, 2022)

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, as defined, a cat in the Township of Pennsauken without having obtained a license for it in compliance with provisions set forth in this article.
- B. A license shall be required for any cat which has attained the age of seven months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth.

# **Section 101-3: Licensing Official Remains the same**

#### **Section 101-4: Date For Obtaining License**

- A. Any person who owns a dog <u>and/or cat</u> that has reached licensing age shall annually in the month of January obtain a license and official metal registration tag for each dog <u>and/or cat</u> so owned.
- B. The owner of a newly acquired dog <u>and/or cat</u> of licensing age or of any dog <u>and/or cat</u> which attains licensing age shall make application for the license and registration tag for such dog <u>and/or cat</u> within 10 days after such acquisition or age attainment.
- C. Any person who brings or causes to be brought into the Township any dog <u>and/or cat</u> licensed in any other state for the current year and bearing a registration for such dog <u>and/or cat</u>, who shall keep the same or permit the dog <u>and/or cat</u> to be kept within the Township for a period of more than 90 days, shall immediately upon the conclusion of said ninety-day period apply for a license and registration tag for such dog <u>and/or cat</u>.
- D. Any person bringing or causing to be brought into the Township any unlicensed dog and/or cat and who shall permit the dog to remain in the Township for a period of more than 10 days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag for such dog upon conclusion of said ten-day period.
- E. Remains the same (Guide Dogs)

## **Section 101-5: Application For License**

The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of any dog <u>or cat</u> for which license and registration are sought and whether such dog <u>or cat</u> is of a long or short haired variety and also the name, street, post office address of the owner and the person who shall be harboring such dog <u>and/or cat</u>.

#### **Section 101-6 Fees**

A. The fee for issuance of a dog <u>or cat</u> license and each renewal thereof shall be \$12 for spayed and neutered dogs <u>and cats</u> and \$15 for unspayed/unneutered dogs <u>and cats</u>, which fees shall include the fee for registration tag.

B. Late application. Whenever an application for the renewal of a dog <u>and/or cat</u> license is made after January 31, a late fee is \$10 in addition to the original cost.

# Section 101-7: Registration Tag

## A. Remains the same

B. Said registration tag shall have printed or stamped plainly thereon: "Licensed, Township of Pennsauken," the current year and a distinctive different number for each dog <u>and/or cat</u>. A careful record of each such number and the accompanying license shall be maintained by the licensing official, particularly for identifying lost, strayed or impounded dogs <u>and cats</u>.

# C. Remains the same

D. Every dog <u>and cat</u> required to be licensed under this article shall at all times wear a substantial durable collar to which shall be attached securely the registration tag required. No person, except an officer in performance of duty, shall remove a registration tag from the collar of any dog <u>or cat</u> without the consent of the owner; nor shall any person attach a registration tag to a dog or cat for which it was not issued.

# **Section 101-8: Dog Kennel License Remains the same**

# **Section 101-9: Pet Shops Remains the same**

# Section 101-10: Limit on number of animals per residential premises; running at large; tethering of dogs <u>and cats</u>

- A. Remains the same
- B. Remains the same
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person, association or corporation owning, keeping, harboring or having custody or possession of any dog <u>or cat</u>, whether registered or not, to permit such dog <u>or cat</u> to be in or upon any public street, avenue or highway, or in any public or quasi public place, or upon property owned by a person other than the dog <u>or cat's</u> owner, in the Township of Pennsauken, unless such dog or cat shall be led by chain, cord, thong or leash in the hands of a person capable of leading and controlling such dog <u>or cat</u>, or unless such dog <u>or cat</u> shall be securely confined in an automobile or other vehicle.
- D. A female dog <u>or cat</u> in heat must be confined to the house or pen. When she is being exercised or walked she must be lead with a responsible adult. During this period in heat, said dog <u>or cat</u> shall not be chained in an open yard or area at any time.
- E. Remains the same
- F. Tethering of Dogs and Cats
  - 1. Remains the same
  - 2. Remains the same except C
    - a. Remains the same
    - b. Remains the same

- c. Tethers cannot inhibit the animal's movement or cause injury, entanglement or strangulation must be at least 15 feet long, have a swivel on both ends, weigh no more than 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the animal's weight and be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness.
- d. Remains the same
- e. Remains the same

# Section 101-11: Dog Wardens and Impounding Agents Remains the same

#### Section 101-12: Canvass

A canvass of dogs <u>and cats</u> in the Township be taken by the Animal Control Officer or by a person appointed by the Township Committee, which individual shall, on or before May 1 of the year in which the canvass is made, render a report to the licensing official, to the Township Board of Health and to the State Board of Health, of the results of the canvass, setting forth the names and addresses of the persons owning unlicensed dogs <u>and cats</u> and the number of unlicensed dogs <u>and cats</u> owned by each said persons, complete with a description of each unlicensed dog <u>and cat.</u>

Section 101-13 Impounding of Dogs-Remains the same

Section 101-14 Record of Impounding-Remains the same

Section 101-15 Dogs Creating a Nuisance-Remains the same

Section 101-16 Humane Care of Dogs-Remains the same

#### Section 101-17 Cats

- A. Public Nuisance Defined. Within the purview of this section, a 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 habitually trespasses upon or damages either public or private property or annoys, bites, scratches of harms lawful occupants thereof. In addition, any cat in the Community Cat Management Program is a public nuisance in the following situations:
  - 1. Habitually or continually howling, crying or screaming
  - 2. The habitual destruction, desecration or soiling of property against the wishes of the owner of the property
  - 3. Habitual trespassing upon public or private ground
  - 4. Any manner of keeping that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions, foul odors, infestation by insects or rodents, or physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans or other animals.

#### B. Remains the same

C. Harboring strays: With the exception of individuals who are properly registered under the Community Cat Management Program as set forth herein, no person shall harbor any

nonowned stray cat or make food or shelter available to the same following receipt of a notice from the Township or Animal Control Officers:

- 1. Advising said person that harboring in violation of this article is occurring.
- 2. Give said person seven days within which to cease and desist such harboring.
- D. Remains the same
- E. Remains the same
- F. Remains the same
- G. Remains the same

## Section 101-18: Violations and Penalties-Remains the same

**Article II. Swine** 

**Section 101-19: Definitions-Remains the same** 

Section 101-20: Keeping of Swine Prohibited-Remains the same

Section 101-21: Violations and Penalties-Remains the same

**Article III. Dangerous Animals and Wildlife** 

#### **Section 101-22: Definitions**

- Dangerous Animal-Remains the same
- Feed-Remains the same
- Owner-Remains the same
- Wildlife-All animals that are neither human or domesticated, to include fowl (turkeys, wild turkeys, chickens, roosters and all other poultry), swine, feral animals (including but not limited to feral cats), or rodents.

#### **Section 101-23 Prohibited Acts**

- A. Remains the same
- B. Remains the same
- C. Remains the same
- D. No person shall feed, in any public park or any other property owned or operated by the Township of Pennsauken, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers). Feeding of wildlife is prohibited on private property where it causes a nuisance as defined in this ordinance to any other public or private property.

#### Section 101-24: Animals to be Deemed Public Nuisances

If a dangerous animal is at any time located or found anywhere in the Township, other than on the lands and premises of the owner or keeper of same, it shall be deemed a public nuisance. Such dangerous animal so found may be seized at once by the Animal Control Officer or any

police officer appointed within the Township, or any other duly designated official. If it is practicable, such officer shall hold and promptly dispose of such animal in as humane manner as possible. If it is not practicable to seize, and/or hold such dangerous animal because it poses an immediate threat of physical harm to either such official or to any other person in the Township, then such official may destroy the animal directly.

Section 101-25: Violations and Penalties-Remains the same

## Article IV. Community Cat/Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program

**Section 101-26: Definitions** 

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

**ANIMAL:** Cats and dogs

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO):** Any person or agency, appointed by the Township who is designated or certified by the State of New Jersey per N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16b. to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

**ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION:** an individual or group of individuals who, with or without salary or compensation, house, provide necessary medical care for and feed displaced homeless or unlicensed animals in a home or facility, with the intent of placing the animals in permanent homes as soon as one becomes available.

**ANIMAL SHELTER:** any establishment where cats or other animals are received, housed and adopted out, but not a pet resale store.

**CAT:** a member of the species Felis catus.

**CATS OF LICENSING and/or TNR AGE:** any cat, in which may or may not be feral, reaching the age of seven months, or if the age cannot be determined a cat which possesses a set of permanent adult teeth.

**COLONIZING:** the act of any individual or group of individuals or organizations approved by a municipalities ACO, or TNR program to accumulate and maintain a community cat colony.

**COLONY CAT:** any free-roaming or community cat in a managed community cat colony.

**COLONY TRAP PLAN**: an individualized or group action plan for a colony cat or a community cat colony.

**COMMUNITY CAT:** any free-roaming or colony cat which may or may not be feral, with a caretaker known or unknown. Community cats shall be distinguished through a written "intakeouttake" tracking system when initially identified and trapped for sterilization and ear tipping.

**COMMUNITY CAT CAREGIVER:** any person who in accordance with the community cat management/TNR program, will work with the Community Cat Manager to trap, sterilize, vaccinate for rabies and distemper, ear-tip then return to free-roaming cats or feral cats to the area in which they were trapped. A caregiver shall not be considered an owner of a community cat. A caregiver shall not possess, keep or harbor a community cat outside of any ordinance or TNR management program parameters.

**COMMUNITY CAT COLONY:** any single community cat or group of community cats that congregate together, outside as a unit. Any non-feral cat(s) that congregate with a colony shall be deemed part of it.

**COMMUNITY CAT MANAGEMENT:** any approved individual, volunteer or organization known, who engages in the Trapping, Neutering and Returning (TNR) a community cat to a colony. Management of the colony shall include but not be limited to, trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating, ear-tipping, returning a community cat to its colony of origin, from which it was trapped. The approved manager(s) shall also ensure caregiver provides continuous adequate clean and sanitary food and water (feeding station) as advised by the current Animal Control and TNR Management guidelines.

A. daily cleaned and sanitized individual per cat metal meal bowls; and

B. consistent and responsible approved daily feeding schedules to take place before sundown and after sunup of each day; and

C. daily and consistent access to clean sanitary water in a metal bowl; and

D. approved sheltering for the managed colony; and

E. clear direction for an individualized action plan and long-term rehoming plan for each community cat within the colony; and

F. responsible reporting to Animal Control and TNR Management per cat status. Residents shall obtain an "open ticket" from Animal Control or a TNR management program when reporting a community cat that shall enter the intake system for community cats; and

G. assuming temporary custody of the community cat within the colony from time to time may be approved in order to provide adequate care; and

H. assuming transportation and attendance responsibility for medical appointments and maintenance of but not limited to medical, pest control and vaccinations of each community colony cat.

**EAR TIPPING/EAR TIPPED:** the straight line cutting (for former TNR identification purposes) of the tip of the cat's left ear, while the cat is anesthetized for spay and neuter.

#### **FEEDING STATION:**

- 1. an approved location maintained within 15 feet of any proper shelter, with daily cleaned and sanitized individual per cat metal meal bowls; and
- 2. consistent and responsible approved daily feeding schedules to take place before sundown and after sunup of each day; and
- 3. access to clean sanitary water in a metal bowl; and
- 4. approved by a municipalities ACO or TNR management program.

**FERAL CAT:** an unsocialized or un-domesticated free roaming feline with a temperament consisting of fear or resistance to human contact. Feral cats are considered community cats.

**FOSTER CAT CARETAKER:** an approved animal rescue organization (individual or group) providing temporary care for a cat, without the approved caregiver assuming ownership, and with the intent that the caregiver relinquishes the cat to the animal rescue organization or suitable owner upon one being located in formulation to the cat's action plan.

**FOSTER HOME:** placement location of a cat by an animal rescue organization (individual or group), for the purpose of providing temporary care for a cat, without the approved caretaker assuming ownership, and with the intent that the caretaker relinquishes the cat to the animal rescue organization or suitable owner upon one being located in formulation to the cat's action plan.

**HARBOR:** the act of caring for or keeping an animal or cat; or the act of providing a premises or residence to which an animal or cat returns for food, shelter or care, where the caregiver is providing the primary source of sustenance for the animal or cat. Community cat caregivers do not harbor community cats for the purpose of this ordinance but are subject to provisions of the ordinance pertaining to community cats and approved community cat colony management.

**MICROCHIP:** an electric identification device inserted into an animal or cat in accordance to professional medical standards.

**NEUTER:** to have a licensed veterinarian surgically sterilize an animal or cat.

#### **NUISANCE:** Disturbing the peace by:

- A. Habitually or continually howling, crying or screaming;
- B. The habitual and significant destruction, desecration or soiling of property against the wishes of the owner of the property;
- C. Habitual trespassing upon public or private grounds
- D. No person shall keep an animal on a property in a manner that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions; foul odors; infestation by insects or rodents; or physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans or other animals.
- E. No person shall maintain or feed any animal, domesticated or wild, in a manner that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions; foul odors; infestation by insects or rodents; or physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans.

**OWNER:** any authorized person, household, firm, corporation, or other organization who, with authorized paperwork or a registered microchip proving identity (except a foster home), and ownership or possesses a legal title to a property interested in, or permanent custody of an animal or cat, regulated by this ordinance. A person must be of legal age 18 or older to be considered a legal owner of the animal. If the person under the age 18 is considered the custodian or caretaker of the animal or cat, the parent or legal guardian shall be the legal owner of the animal. A community cat caregiver is not an owner of community cats for the purposes of this ordinance.

**PERMANENT HOME:** a location where an animal or cat is placed in the care and custody of an owner.

**PET SHOP:** any place of business which is not part of a kennel, wherein animals, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, rabbits, hamsters or gerbils, are kept or displayed chiefly for the purpose of sale to individuals for personal appreciation and companionship rather than for business or research purposes.

**POUND:** an establishment for the confinement of dogs, cats or other animals seized or captured, by municipality, ACO or the agent of a municipality under this ordinance, or otherwise. The term is often applied to the municipal animal control facility or a private or non-profit animal shelter that contracts with one or more municipalities to hold such animals.

PRIMARY COMMUNITY CAT MANAGER (CCM)- any volunteer organization who submits a proposal that is approved by the Township to oversee the management of a community cat colony and works in conjunction with the caregiver towards maintenance of the colony, including record management for each member of each colony. Any additional organizations who wish to be identified as a community cat manager must submit a proposal to the Township Community Animal Control Liaison for approval. Once authorized, the secondary community cat manager must maintain identical record keeping and collaborate with the primary cat management group. All community cat managers shall communicate directly with the ACO and Township Liaison.

#### **PROPER SHELTER:** a structure that;

- 1. is sufficiently ventilated and insulated to protect an animal or cat from weather and provide refuge from precipitation, wind, extreme temperature an/or direct sunlight and
- 2. is fully enclosed with walls on three sides, with a fourth wall having and entranceway large enough to allow the animal or cat to enter or exit comfortably, but not so large as to allow heat to escape in cold temperatures; and
- 3. has a solid, waterproof roof that will not accumulate rain water or equipped with proper drainage as to prevent rainwater collection or stagnation; and
- 4. has a solid floor that does not sag under the animals weight; and
- 5. has a door, 6 inch protruding tunnel or flap covering the entranceway during temperatures of 40 degrees or below; and
- 6. is positioned at a sufficient elevation to prevent water from running into the structure or accumulating in or around the structure; and
- 7. is small enough to retain the animal or cats body heat in cold weather and large enough for the animal or cat to stand, turn around, and lay down comfortably; and
- 8. is sturdy, structurally sound and in good repair; and

- 9. if the structure contains bedding such bedding shall be clean and dry (consisting of stray for community cats); and
- 10. is surrounded by an area of at least 5 feet that is clear of debris, feces and/or urine; and
- 11. is placed by an area of at least 15 feet away from any managed or colony cat colony cat feeding station.

**RE-HOMING:** the act of removing an animal or cat from a temporary home to a permanent home.

**SEVERE INJURY:** a physical injury that results in one or more broken bones or faulty limbs, or one or more lacerations requiring sutures, or an injury requiring surgical care.

**STRAY:** any animal or cat found to be at-large, whether lost by its owner or otherwise, or that is in or around any common area and or does not have an identification tag, or for which there is no identifiable owner. The term stray shall not be applied to any community cat managed in accordance with this ordinance.

**SUFFICIENT FOOD:** access to uncontaminated, palatable food, appropriate for a species of animal or cat, on a regular, ongoing basis in quantities sufficient to maintain regular body weight as determined by PURINA BODY SCORE SYSTEM or veterinarian. Food, feeding stations and feeding utensils or canisters shall be permitted under approval of a TNR management program managing a community cat or community cat colony.

**SUFFICIENT WATER:** access to clean, potable water on a regular and ongoing basis in quantities sufficient to prevent the cat from experiencing dehydration. Watering stations canisters and or utensils shall be permitted under approval of a TNR management program.

**TEMPORARY HOME:** location of a cat by an animal rescue organization (individual or group), for the purpose of providing temporary care for a cat, without the approved caretaker assuming ownership, and with the intent that the caretaker relinquishes the cat to the animal rescue organization or suitable owner upon one being located in formulation to the cats action plan.

**TNR:** Trap-Neuter-Return

**TNR PROGRAM:** a program pursuant to which community cats, feral and stray cats are humanely trapped, spayed, neutered, vaccinated against rabies and distemper, microchipped registered and returned to the location in which they were trapped.

**TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ANIMAL CONTROL LIAISON:** individual employed by the Township who will serve as a point of contact with both the Animal Control Officer and Community Cat Managers. Any complaints regarding animals to the municipal offices will be

filtered through the liaison and disseminated to the appropriate entity. All reporting by both the ACO and CCM will be directed to the attention of the Liaison

**TRAP/HUMANE TRAP:** any trap used to capture cats and designed for cats that is constructed so that it does not harm the animal or cat and that is regularly monitored.

**VETERINARIAN**: an individual who is licensed to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in the state of New Jersey.

## Section 101-27: Community Cat Management Initiatives/TNR Program

Community cat colonies shall be permitted, and caregivers shall be entitled to maintain them, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this article.

Pennsauken believes that the safest place for pet domesticated cats is indoors. Pennsauken also recognizes that feral and community cats as defined in this chapter are not, in the majority of cases suitable pets to be taken indoors. Pennsauken further recognizes the need for innovation in addressing the pressing issues presented by feral or community cats. Pennsauken finds that properly managed cat colonies are part of the solution to reducing the numbers of community cats in Pennsauken and the rate of costly euthanasia and housing in the county animal shelters. Managed community cat colonies shall be permitted in Pennsauken as part of a community cat management/TNR program in accordance with an approved TNR program manager to develop community cat management plans.

# **Section 101-28: General Regulations:** A person or group shall be prohibited from the following;

- 1. owning, harboring, keeping or having charge of more than a total of four cats or dogs, except for kennels, pet shops, colony cat caretakers or by consent of the municipality
- a. No person shall keep an animal on a property in a manner that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions; infestation by insects or rodents; or physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans.
- b. No person shall maintain or feed any animal, domesticated or wild, in a manner that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions; infestation by insects or rodents; or physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans.

# Section 101-29: Responsibilities of owners of animals

- a. Owners of animals shall provide for those animals sufficient food, sufficient water, proper shelter and protection from weather, sufficient space for exercise, veterinary care as needed to prevent suffering, grooming as needed to prevent suffering, and humane care and treatment. b. The owner of a domesticated animal shall exercise reasonable care to guard against the animal creating a nuisance.
- c. The owner of a sexually intact (unneutered) domesticated animal shall not permit his/her animal to roam unsupervised.
- d. An owner shall not abandon a domesticated animal in any private or public place.
- e. An owner of a domesticated animal shall ensure that the animal is not at-large.

#### **Section 101-30: TRAPPING OF CATS**

Trapping of community cats, feral cats or free roaming cats by those who are not community cat caregivers as defined in this ordinance, ACO employed by the municipality, members of law enforcement, or a municipality authorized TNR Program is prohibited.

## **Section 101-31: TRAPPING REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. safe and humane trap(s) designed for cats that is constructed so that it does not harm the animal or cat; and
- 2. humane uncontaminated, palatable food, appropriate for a species of animal or cat to lure the animal or cat into the trap; and
- 3. constant monitoring of the trap during active trapping as to not leave any animal or cat trap unattended for longer than 30 minute increments; and
- 4. traps shall not be left out unattended for any length of time in temperatures below 45 degrees F or above 80 degrees F; in the rain or snow or any extreme weather; and
- 5. proper trap covers to protect an animal or cat in active entrapment in the event of inclement weather; and
- 6. clean and sanitized traps that will not harbor or transport cross contamination or infectious diseases.

**Section 101-32: EAR-TIPPED COMMUNITY CATS:** should only be trapped by authorized persons for the intent of seeking medical emergency treatment for a severe injury, re-homing, updating vaccinations, microchip scanning or if it is showing signs of rabies, infectious disease or illness(s).

#### **Section 101-33: Resolution of Complaints-Procedures:**

# A. Enforcement of Community Cat Management Initiative/TNR

**Program:** Pennsauken shall have the following rights:

- 1. the right to seize or remove cats from a colony which have not been vaccinated against rabies or distemper and/or demonstrating signs of illness or infectious disease.
- 2. the right to seize or remove a cat from a colony which is creating a nuisance as defined in this ordinance.
- 3.the right to seize or remove a cat or colony of cats when the community caregiver regularly fails to comply with the care requirements of this chapter.

**Section 101-34: Animals at-large prohibited**: no owner or person having temporary custody of an animal or cat shall permit the animal or cat to be at-large or unattended at any time.

**Section 101-35: Exemptions for Animals At-Large** a cat shall be considered exempt from these provisions if;

- 1. the ear tipped cat is part of a community cat management/TNR program in accordance with this ordinance; and
- 2. an ear tipped cat, part of a program without a leash is considered walking freely and not considered an animal at-large.

**Section 101-36: Abandonment of Animal or Cat:** any persons or individuals found as responsible owner or caretaker of an at-large animal or cat.

No person may desert or abandon any animal or cat at any public or private location. TNR practices as outlined in this ordinance do not constitute abandonment of an animal or cat. Any person found to be in violation of these provisions shall be subject to a fine for each offence.

**Section 101-37: Penalties:** Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be subject to one or more of the following: a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.

## Section V. REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. <u>Repealer.</u> Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. <u>Severability</u>. 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. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

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