

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend

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Introduced by: Mayor S. Lobdell

Introduction on: 03/06/2024



Ordinance 2024-006 An Ordinance to amend the Town Code Regarding Animals

WHEREAS, the Town Code currently requires all dogs in Town to be licensed with the Town; and

Mayor
Scott Lobdell

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to remove the Town requirement for dog licensure as this is already required by the State of Delaware.

Councilman
Joshua Mertz,
PhD

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the by the Town Council of the Town of Townsend, as follows:

Councilman
Joseph Bangura,
PhD

SECTION 1: That Section 14.12.020 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Townsend, Delaware, is hereby amended to remove the following:

14.12 Licensing And Regulations

Councilman
Matthew
Chapman

~~14.12.020 Registration And Licensing Of Dogs~~

- ~~1. Every person who owns, controls, harbors, possesses or keeps any dog over the age of six months in the town shall register with the town by April 15 of each calendar year. At the time of registration, the owner must provide a phone number where they can be reached in case the dog gets loose. The owner shall provide to the town proof that such dog has a license from the state for the current calendar year. Additionally, the person registering their dog, shall provide to the town the name, age, breed, color, owner and the owner's phone number of such dog. Any person who fails to register his dog for the current calendar year shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense. Proof of a current rabies inoculation must be provided at the time of registration. Five days must elapse between a first and second offense.~~
- ~~2. The following is the dog registration form:~~

Councilman
Marcus Suhr

DOG REGISTRATION FORM

A Council – Manager Municipality
Located on the Web at townsend.delaware.gov

Name of Owner:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Cell/Work _____ Phone:
Dog's Name:
Breed of Dog:
Dog's Color:
Dog's Gender:
State ID Number:
Date of Last Rabies Shot:
Signature of Owner:
Date:

SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: In the event any existing Ordinances or parts of Ordinances are in conflict herewith, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted by at least a majority of the Council members of the Town of Townsend on this 3rd day of April 2024.

Introduction 03/06/2024

Final Reading 04/03/2024

Adoption 04/03/2024

Signed By



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes, positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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Mayor

Town of Townsend, Delaware

Attest: Manuelena Ruiz
Town Clerk

