

ORDINANCE NO. 2507

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 10.1
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED,
“LICENSING OF CATS”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter VIII, Section 10.1 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. 8-10 LICENSING OF CATS.

8-10.1 Licensing Requirements.

a. *Cats to have License Number Displayed; License Required; Penalty.*

1. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a cat of licensing age shall annually apply for and procure from the Licensing Official a license and official registration tag with license number, or a registration sleeve for each cat so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon such cat a collar or other device with the license number securely fastened or displayed thereto. Acceptable methods of displaying the license number shall include but are not limited to breakaway or elastic collars. License tags or sleeves are not transferable.

2. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by statute, any person convicted of a violation of paragraph a. shall be liable to a penalty of forty-eight (\$48.00) dollars or imprisoned for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days.
(Ord. No. 2335)

b. *Time for Applying for License.*

1. The owner of any newly acquired cat of licensing age or of any cat which attains licensing age shall make application for a license tag or sleeve for such cat within ten (10) days after such acquisition or age attainment. This requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a cat within the Borough for no longer than ninety (90) days.

2. The owner of every cat of licensing age shall apply for license renewal and pay the annual license fee as outlined in paragraph g. of this section on or before the last day of January of each year. Renewal applications submitted February 1st and thereafter shall be subject to a late fee.

c. *Cats Brought into Jurisdiction.*

1. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the Borough any cat licensed in another state for the current year and bearing a registration tag or sleeve and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the Borough for a period of more than ninety (90) days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

2. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the Borough any unlicensed cat and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the Borough for a period of more than ten (10) days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

d. *Application Contents; Preservation of Information.* The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of the cat for which license and registration are sought and whether it is of a long- or shorthaired variety, also the name, street and post office address of the owner and the person who shall keep or harbor such cat. The information on the application and the registration number issued for the cat shall be preserved for a period of three (3) years by the Licensing Official.

e. *License Forms and Tags.* License forms and official tags or sleeves shall be furnished by the Borough and shall be numbered serially and shall bear the year of issuance and the name of the Borough of Roselle Park.

f. *Evidence of Inoculation with Rabies Vaccine or Certification of Exemption; Requirement for License.* No Licensing Official shall grant any such license and official registration tag or sleeve for any cat unless the owner thereof provides evidence that the cat to be licensed and registered has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and administered in accordance with the recommendation of the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Human Services or has been certified exempt as provided in subsection 8-10.2. The rabies inoculation shall be administered by a duly licensed veterinarian or by such other veterinarian permitted by law to do the same.

g. *Annual License, License Fees, Late Fees, and Tag; Placement of Tags on Cat.*

1. Any person who shall own, keep, harbor or maintain a cat of licensing age in the Borough shall annually in the month of January, apply for and procure a registration tag for each cat so owned, kept, harbored or maintained and shall place upon each such cat a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereon.

2. Only one (1) license and registration tag or sleeve shall be required in the licensing year for any cat in the Borough. Any valid New Jersey license tag or sleeve issued by a New Jersey municipality shall be accepted by the Borough as evidence of compliance.

3. Effective January 1, 2018 the license fee for unneutered cats will be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars and neutered cats will be ten (\$10.00) dollars. Persons who fail to obtain a license as required within the time period specified herein shall be subject to a delinquent fee of two (\$2.00) dollars per month, with a maximum of ten (\$10.00) dollars per year.

h. *Loss of License.* If a license tag or sleeve has been misplaced or lost, the Licensing Official may issue a duplicate license and/or registration sleeve for that particular cat for a fee of fifty (\$.50) cents.

i. *Proof of Licensing.* Proof of licensing shall be produced by any person owning, keeping, maintaining or harboring a cat, upon the request of any Health Official, Police Officer, Animal Control Officer or other authorized person.

j. *Interfering with Persons Performing Duties under this Chapter.* No person shall hinder, molest or interfere with anyone authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this chapter.

k. *Disposition of Fees Collected.* License fees and other moneys collected or received under the provisions of this section shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and shall be placed in a special account separate from any of the other accounts of the Borough and shall be used for the following purposes only: collecting, keeping and disposing of cats liable to seizure, for local prevention and control of rabies, providing antirabies treatment under the direction of the local Board of Health for any person known or suspected to have been exposed to rabies and for administering the provisions of this chapter. Any unexpected balance remaining in such special account shall be retained until the end of the third fiscal year following and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in this section. At the end of the third fiscal year following and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred from such special account to the general funds of the Borough any amount then in such account which is in excess of the total amount paid into the special account during the last two (2) fiscal years next preceding.
(1980 Code § 88-3)

SECTION 2. Invalidation

If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Captions.

Captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This amendment to the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park shall become effective upon publication and in accordance with law.

Introduced: October 5, 2017

Adopted: October 19, 2017

Mayor

Attest: _____
Borough Clerk