

**TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2007**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN  
ENTITLED “DOGS”**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 695, approved January 24, 2007, authorized governing bodies to increase their municipality’s annual dog license fee to a maximum of \$21; and

WHEREAS, staff has performed a review of the finances and has found that the dog license fees collected annually do not sufficiently fund the Dog Trust Account, an account created to fund costs associated with: the annual purchase of tags, operation of an annual free rabies clinic, the position of Animal Control Officer and costs associated with a facility to house stray animals (county shelter); and

WHEREAS, the governing body has found that an increase to the existing fee schedule is necessary in order to properly offset costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council, of the Township of Moorestown, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that:

Section 1: *Chapter 65-3 “Fees”* of the Code of the Township of Moorestown, be amended as follows:

The annual fee to be paid to the township for each dog license and each renewal thereof issued by the township shall be ~~\$5.80~~ \$12.80 when said license is purchased during the month of January. ~~Licenses~~ Renewal licenses purchased on and after February 1 and before April 1 shall be ~~\$7.80~~ assessed a \$9 late fee. ~~Licenses~~ Renewal licenses purchased on and after April 1 shall be ~~\$9.80~~ assessed a \$14 late fee. In addition to the aforesaid fees, all applicable surcharges or fees required by the State of New Jersey shall also be paid.

Section 2: In all other respects, Chapter 65 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: Repealer. Any and all other ordinances inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies

Section 4: Severability. In the event that any section paragraph, clause phrase, term, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

**NOTE: LANGUAGE WITH A “STRIKEOUT” SHALL BE “DELETED  
LANGUAGE WITH AN “UNDERLINE” SHALL BE “INSERTED”**

Section 5:    Effective Date.    This ordinance shall have effect January 1, 2008 and upon proper publication and in accordance with law.

Section 6:    Short Title.    This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 17-2007.

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia L. Hunt, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 17-2007 was introduced and adopted on first reading by the Township Council at a meeting held on June 11, 2007. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a meeting of the Township Council held on June 25, 2007.

VOTE:

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| ABERANT | YES |
| ROCCATO | YES |
| BRODER  | YES |
| SEGAL   | YES |
| ERON    | YES |

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Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk