**ORDINANCE 2023-21**

*Township of New Hanover*

*County of Burlington*

*State of New Jersey*

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 65-4 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER INCREASING THE DOG LICENSING FEE AND THE LATE PAYMENT FEES FOR DOG LICENSING**

 **WHEREAS**, Township of New Hanover has reviewed the fees for the licensing of dogs within the Township as well as the late payment fees associated with the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that there is a need to increase the current dog license fees from $12.00 to $15.00, and to increase the late payment fees for both dog licensing from $5.00 to $10.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee deems it in the best interest of the Township to increase the aforementioned fees.

 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Committee of the Township of New Hanover that it hereby amends Chapter 65of the Code of the Township of New Hanover, entitled, “Animals”, specifically §65-4, shall be hereby amended to state as follows:

**§ 65-4 Fees; expiration; late charge.**

A. The person applying for the license and registration tag of a dog shall pay an annual fee for such license of Thirteen Dollars and 80 cents ($13.80) for each dog. These fees are exclusive of any and all state fees, which state fees shall be in addition to the fees list above. The licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on January 31 in each year. There shall be a late charge imposed in the amount of Ten Dollars ($10.00) in addition to the licensing fee as of March 1 of each year.

B. Any Veteran or Active Duty member of the United States Armed Services, as defined by 38 U.S.C. §101, including members of the Reserves and National Guard, shall be entitled to a reduction in the fee set forth in paragraph A of this section such that the sum to be paid annually by said veteran for a dog license shall be $1.80 and the further sum of $1 for the registration tag, and a surcharge of $0.20 for low-cost spay-neuter clinic, for a total of $3. Said veteran must provide valid proof of U.S. Military service and register as sole owner of licensed dog.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the remaining sections and subparts of Chapter 65, shall remain in full force and effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such inconsistency; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Committee of the Township of New Hanover that this ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as required by law.

Introduction: October 10, 2023
Date of Publication: October 15, 2023

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| KOSHAK | **X** |  |  |  | SMITH | **X** |  |  |  |
| PAWLYZYN | **X** |  |  |  | PETERLA | **X** |  |  |  |
| MURPHY | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MOTION | **SMITH** | SECOND | **MURPHY** |
| X – INDICATES VOTE AB- ABSENT NV- NOT VOTING |

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of New Hanover, Burlington County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on October 10, 2023.

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC

Borough Clerk

Adopted:

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of New Hanover, Burlington County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on November 21, 2023.

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC

Borough Clerk

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