

**ORDINANCE #2018-17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82 OF CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD (DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS)**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that the governing body does hereby amend Chapter 82 of the Code of the Township of West Deptford entitled Dogs and Other Animals as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 82, Dogs and Animals, Article I, General. Section 82-1.

Definitions is hereby amended to include the following new definition:

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL** Any Township Code Enforcement Official, Township Police Department Officer, Gloucester County Animal Control Officer, the Municipal or Deputy Clerk , or any other official or person assigned or designated by Mayor and Council.

**Section 2.** Chapter 82, Dogs and Animals, Article I, General. Section 82-21.

Enforcement is hereby amended to read as follows:

82-21 Enforcement.

- A. The Township Official shall enforce the provisions of this Article. Nothing herein shall prohibit a private citizen from bringing or signing a complaint for an alleged violation of this Article.
- B. Animal Cruelty Investigations. Gloucester County Animal Control Officers (GCACO), or other designee, may investigate, and/or require compliance for violations pursuant to N.J.S.A.4:22. In the event the GCACO, or designee sees, or recognizes a potential violation of law, or the need arises where an investigation is warranted; then the GCACO shall make report said matter to the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer for further action. The GCACO may continue to participate in the investigation as requested or required.

**Section 3. Repealer**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**Section 4. Severability**

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

*Denice D. Carlo*  
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 DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

Attest:

*Lee Ann Dehart*  
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 LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk

**INTRODUCED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on Monday, November 26, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Denice DiCarlo	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey				
Adam Reid	✓			A
James Robinson	✓			
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**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on December 19, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Denice DiCarlo	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
James Mehaffey	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
<b>TALLY:</b>	5			