

**TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #16/16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 174 “DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS”
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, during the past six (6) months there have been two documented cases of animal hoarders in the Town of West New York (the “Town”) wherein the residences involved have been deemed uninhabitable; and

WHEREAS, in both cases, the number of cats/and or dogs maintained at the residence involved exceeded 50; and

WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) recognizes that animal/pet ownership implicates issues of public health; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to establish the number of pets/animals permitted in each household in the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York that the Chapter 174 “Dogs and Other Animals” of the Code of the Town of West New York shall be amended to add the following new Section:

Section One

CATS AND DOGS PER HOUSEHOLD

- A.) No family shall own, keep or harbor more than three cats and/or dogs (or any combination thereof, not to exceed three) per household; and
- B.) No family shall be entitled to apply for more than three licenses in order to license cats and/or dogs under this article; and
- C.) A family shall include all residents using a particular premises, related or not related. Under no circumstance shall there be more than three cat/dog licenses at one household.

Section Two

CAT LICENSES

- A.) Every owner of a cat shall have the cat licensed as per the requirements set forth in Section 174 of the Code of the Town of West New York.

Section Three

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section Four

Repealer. All ordinances or portions thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, or the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being legislative intent that all ordinances or portions of ordinances now existing or in effect shall remain in effect unless the they are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance.

Section Five

When Effective. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance limits the number of cats and dogs per household and requires licensing of cats.

Introduced: 6/22/2016

Notice

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted for first reading by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, New Jersey, on **June 22, 2016** and ordered published, and will be further considered before final passage at a public hearing on **July 21, 2016** at **12:00 p.m.** at the Commission Chambers, Municipal Building, West New York, NJ. A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted on in the Town Hall of the Town of West New York, and a copy (at no charge) is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the public of the Town who shall request such copies, at the Office of the Town Clerk in said Town Hall in West New York, N.J.

Carmela Riccio, RMC
Town Clerk