

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
ORDINANCE 2021-1**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106-18 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD TO ADD CURBING OF DOGS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it necessary to add new language regarding curbing of dogs to help control the dog waste issues within the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that Chapter 106-18, "Dogs" is hereby amended in the following respects:

ARTICLE I. §160-18 Curbing of Dogs; Damage to property of others.

A. No person who owns, harbors, or who is keeping or in charge of any dog shall permit or cause the same to do damage to any flowers, shrubbery, lawn or any other property, either real or personal, owned privately or publicly, or permit such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance as well as upon or on any common thoroughfare, passageway, bypass, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any public property whatsoever or upon any private property without that property owners permission.

B. In the event that nay dog shall soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance contrary to the foregoing provisions, the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of such dog shall immediately remove all feces by such dog by any sanitary method, including but not limited to implements and plastic bags, to remove any feces so deposited, and said person shall dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner.

C. These provisions shall not apply to dogs in the sole custody of a blind person who is using such animal for guidance.

D. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Chesterfield Township Police Department, a duly appointed animal control officer, the township property maintenance Inspector, or a staff member of the township department of public works; and only upon witness of an act in violation of these provisions, or upon written complaint by a complaining witness who must testify as to the violating actions. Ordinance violation complaints shall be filed in the municipal court.

ARTICLE II. REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable

for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Introduced: January 28, 2021

Adopted: February 11, 2021

RECORD OF VOTE													
INTRODUCTION							ADOPTION						
TWP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	TWP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
S Dhopte	X					X	S Dhopte	X					
D Koetas-Dale	X				X		D Koetas-Dale	X				X	
J Liedtka	X						J Liedtka	X					
L Panfili	X						L Panfili	X					X
M Russo	X						M Russo	X					
X – Indicates Vote NV – Not Voting AB – Absent ORD – Motion SEC - Seconded													