

## 4-5 LICENSING AND REGULATING OF PET SHOPS, PET SHELTERS, KENNELS, POUNDS AND PETTING ZOOS.

### 4-5.1 Definitions.

The definitions set forth in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 are incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

#### **PETTING ZOO**

An establishment for domestic or nondomestic animals, whether caged or uncaged, on display for entertainment and contact with children and adults.

### 4-5.2 State Law incorporated by reference.

The State statutes governing licensing and regulating of kennels, pet shops, pet shelters, and pounds, N.J.S.A. 4:15-15.1 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder, N.J.A.C. 8:23-3.1 et seq. are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

### 4-5.3 Application of section, existing facilities.

This section is intended to apply to any existing kennel, pet shop, pet shelter, pound or petting zoo in Southampton Township. Said existing facility shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this ordinance, apply to the Township Clerk for a license for the operation of the facility. Any facility failing to apply for a license within said 30 days must cease operation on or before the 30th day after the effective date of the section.

### 4-5.4 New applicants for license.

Any new applicant for a license to operate a kennel, pet shop, pet shelter, pound or petting zoo shall apply to the Township Clerk for a license prior to commencement of operation of the facility.

### 4-5.5 Approval of license to operate.

Application for the operation of an existing or new kennel, pet shop, pet shelter, pound or petting zoo shall be presented to the Township Clerk for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8. The license shall be approved by the Township Committee upon presentation of evidence that the operation of said facility satisfies the applicable health, safety, welfare and land use requirements of Federal and State statutes, rules and regulations and township ordinances. Licenses shall expire on June 30th of each year, and must be renewed effective July 1 of each year upon submission of a new application and license fee.

### 4-5.6 Licensing fees.

Any existing or new kennel, pet shop, pet shelter, pound or petting zoo shall submit with its application an annual license fee set forth as follows. Said license fee shall not be prorated for portions of the calendar year.

Kennel (11 dogs or more)	\$25 per annum
Kennel (10 dogs or less)	\$10 per annum
Pet shop	\$10 per annum
Petting zoo	\$10 per annum
Pet shelter	No fee
Pound	No fee

### 4-5.7 Transfer, suspension and revocation of license.

No license shall be transferable without the approval of the Township Committee and any license issued may be suspended or revoked by the Township Committee for violation of this section, or for conducting the business in an unlawful manner or in violation of any State or local regulation or in such manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.