

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
ORDINANCE #13-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT  
THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 5  
“LICENSING OF DOGS” §5-2.7 “LATE FEES”  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage desires to amend and supplement the provisions of Chapter 5 “Licensing of Dogs” of the Wantage Revised Ordinances, §5-2.7 “Late Fees.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1. Chapter 5** “Licensing of Dogs,” §5-2.7 “Late Fees” shall be amended to remove the language crossed out and to add the language underlined.

Any person owning or harboring a dog found to be unlicensed after February 1<sup>st</sup> by the township animal control officer, dog canvassers or any other township official authorized to enforce Township Ordinances, shall be required to pay a late fee as provided for in Chapter 21, “Fees,” Section 21-3, in addition to the required license and registration tag fee as provided in subsection 5-2.5. Additionally, the person owning or harboring the unlicensed dog may be subject to a summons that may result in a fine for failure to obtain a dog license before ~~May 1<sup>st</sup>~~ February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent.

**Section 3.** If any section, provision, or part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

**Section 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

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Justin VanderGroef, Mayor  
Township of Wantage

ATTEST:

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Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk  
Township of Wantage

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on the 14th day of May, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee to be held in the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23 South, in the Township of Wantage, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

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Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk