

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BLAIRSTOWN ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"**

WHEREAS, the Township Code contains a section regarding land development and setting forth certain related definitions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the matter and determined that it is necessary to amend the Code to provide definitions of the animals which may be kept within the Township in the appropriate locations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey, that Chapter 19 entitled "Land Development" of the Code of the Township of Blairstown be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19 "Land Development", Section 19-203 "Definitions and Descriptions" shall be amended to add the following definitions:

§ 19-203. Definitions and Descriptions

HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS

Any animal which is typically kept as a pet that reside within the residence and are customary to residential districts. This shall also apply to licensed animals such as cats and dogs that may also reside outside upon the residential property.

NON-HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS

- A. Any animal which is typically found on a farm, ranch or at a stable. These animals include but are not limited to horses, ponies, cows, cattle, chickens, roosters, donkeys, mules, goats, sheep, swine, pigs, llamas, alpacas, emus, ostriches, ducks, turkeys, geese, guinea hens, pigeons, pheasants, quail, chukar, and other common fowl.
- B. Any animal, reptile or fowl, which is not naturally tame or gentle but is generally of an exotic or wild nature or disposition and which, because of its size, potentially dangerous nature or other characteristics, may constitute a threat to public health and safety.

Including, but not limited to:

- 1) Any member of the Feliade family. Examples: lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, bobcats, lynx, ocelots, etc. or any hybrid of these species even if cross bred with domesticated cats. Commonly domesticated cats are exempt.
- 2) Any member of the Canidae family. Examples: wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes, jackals, etc. or any hybrid of these species if cross bred with domesticated dogs. Commonly recognized domesticated dogs are exempt.

- 3) All primates. Examples: monkeys, baboons, orangutans, apes, chimpanzees, gibbons, gorillas, etc.
- 4) All crocodylian species. All species and subspecies of alligators, crocodiles, caiman, etc.
- 5) Large lizards. Examples: Komodo Dragons, all species and subspecies of monitor lizards, etc. Small lizards commonly recognized as pets are exempt. Examples: bearded dragons, newts, iguanas, geckos, etc.
- 6) All poisonous and or venomous animals regardless of biological classification.
- 7) All species of animals commonly recognized as wildlife. Examples: deer, bear, skunks, raccoons, squirrels, opossum, groundhogs, bats, etc.
- 8) All species of farm animal or livestock as defined above.
- 9) Any animal, species or subspecies that is prohibited by state or federal law.
- 10) Any animal not specifically listed above, but which can be reasonably defined as non-domesticated animal under this Chapter.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Blirstown inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Blirstown, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on November 7, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94 in the Township of Blirstown, New Jersey on December 12, 2018 at 7:30PM

Linda Leidner, Clerk