

Chapter 192. Pet Solid Waste

§ 192-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Township of Wyckoff, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 192-2. Word usage; definitions.

A. For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

B. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

IMMEDIATE

That the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

OWNER/KEEPER

Any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.

PERSON

Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PET

A domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.

PET SOLID WASTE

Waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

PROPER DISPOSAL

Placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

§ 192-3. Requirement for disposal.

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, municipal, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

§ 192-4. Exemptions.

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter while such animal is being used for that purpose.

§ 192-5. Enforcement.

In the event of a violation occurring on private property, a complaint shall be filed by the owner of such private property. In the event of a violation on public and/or municipal property, the provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or Board of Health of the Township of Wyckoff.

§ 192-6. Violations and penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$100 for a first offense and up to \$1,250 for a second and each subsequent offense.

§ 192-7. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this chapter is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this chapter to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause, or reason shall not affect any other portion of this chapter.