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ARTICLE I
Animals and Animal Establishments

§ 173-1. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANIMAL — Any wild or domesticated warm-blooded creature. [Added 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

AT LARGE — Refers to an animal off the premises of the person owning or keeping or harboring it and not securely fastened to a tether, leash, cord or chain or the like. [Amended 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

CAT — Any feline. [Added 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

DOG — Any dog, bitch or spayed bitch.

DOG OF LICENSING AGE — Any dog which has attained the age of seven (7) months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth.

HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS — All nonfarm animals, e.g., horse, cow, sheep or goat. [Added 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]
KENNEL — Any establishment wherein or whereon the business of boarding or selling animals or breeding animals for sale is carried on, except a pet shop. [Amended 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

OWNER (when applied to the proprietorship of any animal) — Includes every person having a right of property in such animal and every person who has such animal in his keeping. [Amended 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

PET SHOP — Any room or group of rooms, cage or exhibition pen, not part of a kennel, wherein dogs, cats, other mammals, birds, reptiles or other living animals are sold for use as household pets. [Amended 7-18-1994 by Board of Health Ord. No. 2-1994]

POUND — An establishment for the confinement of animals seized either under the provisions of this Article or otherwise. [Amended 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

SHELTER — Any establishment where animals are received, housed and distributed without charge. [Amended 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

§ 173-2. License required; compliance with Article. [Amended 10-19-1987 by Board of Health Ord. No. 2-1987]

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog within the township without first obtaining a license therefor, to be issued by the Board of Health and/or its designee upon application by the owner and payment of the prescribed fee, and no person shall keep or harbor any dog except in compliance with the provisions of this Article.


A. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age shall, in the month of January of each year and annually thereafter, apply for and procure from the Board of Health and/or its designee a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon each such dog a collar or harness with the registration tag securely fastened thereon.

B. Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a dog of licensing age and who fails to apply for and procure from the Board of Health and/or its designee a license and official metal registration tag for each such dog by January 31 of each calendar year shall be charged a late fee in addition to the license fee. See Chapter 79, Fees and Licenses, § 79-15.

§ 173-4. License and tag fees; expiration; Seeing Eye dogs.

A. The person applying for the license and registration tag shall pay a fee for the licensing of each dog and an additional sum for the registration tag of each dog; and for each annual renewal, the fee for the license and for the registration tag shall be the same as for the original license and tag. Said licenses, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on January 31 of each calendar year. See Appendix A, Fee Schedule, at the end of Part III of the Code. [Amended 9-1-1981 by Art. I of Board of Health Ord. No. 1-1981]

B. Dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as Seeing Eye” dogs shall be licensed and registered as other dogs as hereinabove provided for, except that the owner or keeper of such dog shall not be required to pay any fee therefor.
§ 173-5. License issued in another municipality.

Only one (1) license and registration tag shall be required in any licensing year for any dog owned in New Jersey, and such license and tag issued by any other municipality of this state shall be accepted by the township as evidence of compliance with §173-3 and § 173-4.

§ 173-6. Licensing newly acquired dog or dog attaining age.

The owner of any newly acquired dog of licensing age or of any dog which attains licensing age shall make application for license and registration tag for such dog within ten (10) days after such acquisition or age attainment.

§ 173-7. Contents of application; Board of Health and/or designee’s report [Amended 10-19-87 by Board of Health Ord. No. 2-1987]

A. The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of the dog for which license and registration are sought, whether it is of a long-haired or shorthaired variety and the name, street and post office address of the owner and the person who shall keep or harbor such dog.

B. The information on said application and the registration number issued for the dog shall be preserved for a period of three (3) years by the Board of Health and/or its designee. Registration numbers shall be issued in the order of the applications.

C. The Board of Health and/or its designee shall forward to the State Department of Health each month, on forms furnished by the said Department, an accurate account of registration numbers issued or otherwise disposed of.

§ 173-8. Licensing of dogs brought into township.

A. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the township any dog licensed in another state for the current year and bearing a registration tag and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the township for a period of more than ninety (90) days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag for each such dog, unless a license for such dog is not required under § 173-10.

B. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the township any unlicensed dog and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the township for a period of more than ten (10) days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag for each such dog, unless a license for such dog is not required under § 173-10.


A. No person, except an officer in the performance of his duties, shall remove a registration tag from the collar of any dog without the consent of the owner, nor shall any person attach a registration tag to a dog for which it was not issued.

B. No licensed dog shall be allowed off the premises of the person harboring or keeping the dog without the metal registration tag attached to its harness or collar.

§ 173-10. License for kennel or pet shop.

A. Any person who keeps or operates or proposes to establish a kennel, a pet shop, a shelter or a pound shall apply to the Board of Health and/or its designee for a license entitling him to keep or operate such establishment. All licenses issued for such establishments shall state the purpose for
which the establishment is maintained, shall expire on the last day of January of each year and
shall not be transferable to another owner or different premises. [Amended 10-19-87 by Board of
Health Ord. No. 2-1987]

B. Any person holding such license shall not be required to secure individual licenses for dogs owned
by such licensee and kept at such establishments.

§ 173-11. Contents of application for dog establishment.

The application shall describe the premises where the establishment for a kennel, pet shop, shelter or
pound is located or is proposed to be located and the purpose or purposes for which it is to be maintained,
and shall be accompanied by the written approval of the Township Health Officer showing compliance
with the local and state rules and regulations governing the location of and sanitation at such
establishments.

§ 173-12. Revocation of license for dog establishment

All licenses issued for a kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound shall be subject to revocation by the Board
of Health on recommendation of the State Department of Health or the Township Health Officer for
failure to comply with the applicable provisions of this Article or the rules and regulations of the State
Department of Health or of the Township Board of Health governing the same, after the licensee has been
afforded a hearing by either the State Department of Health or the Township Board of Health.


A. The annual license fees for a kennel providing accommodations for ten (10) or fewer dogs and for
more than ten (10) dogs and the annual license fee for a pet shop shall be as set out in Chapter 79,
Fees and Licenses. No fee shall be charged for a shelter or pound. [Amended 8-17-82 by
Township Committee Ord. No. 24-1982]

B. License fees for dog establishments shall be paid with the application.

§ 173-14. Permitting animal off premise of animal establishment. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of
Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

No animal kept in a kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound shall be permitted off such premises except on
leash or in a crate or under other safe control.


A. License or other fees collected under the provisions hereof, except those paid to the state, shall be
turned over to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days of collection. The fees collected shall be
accounted for and spent in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.11, as amended.

B. The registration tag fee of one dollar ($1.) for each dog shall be forwarded within thirty (30) days
after collection by the Board of Health and/or its designee to the State Department of Health.

§ 173-16. Report of licensed dog establishments. [Amended 10-19-87 by Board of Health Ord. No. 2-
1987]

The Board of Health and/or its designee shall forward to the State Department of Health a list of all
kennels, pet shops, shelters and pounds licensed within thirty (30) days after licenses therefor are issued,
which list shall include the name and address of the licensee and the kind of license issued.
§ 173-17. Canvass of dogs; report.

The Chief of Police of the township or any person appointed for the purpose by resolution of the East Hanover Board of Health shall annually cause a canvass to be made of all dogs owned, kept or harbored within the limits of the township. He shall report on or before May 1 of each year the results of said canvass to the Township Clerk and to the local Board of Health and to the State Department of Health, by setting forth in separate columns the names and addresses of persons owning, keeping or harboring such dogs; the number of licensed dogs owned, kept or harbored by each of said persons, together with the registration number of each of said dogs; and the number of unlicensed dogs owned, kept or harbored by each of said persons, together with a complete description of each of said unlicensed dogs.


The East Hanover Board of Health may appoint an Animal Control Warden and such Deputy Wardens as it may, from time to time, deem necessary, whose duty it shall be to enforce the provisions of this Article, to take into custody and impound dogs as provided in § 173-19 and to perform such other duties as may be established by resolution of the East Hanover Board of Health.

§ 173-19. Impounding of animals off premises; disposition. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

A. The Animal Control Warden, his Deputies or members of the Police Department shall take into custody or impound or cause to be taken into custody and impounded and, thereafter, destroyed or disposed of as hereinafter provided in this section:

(1) Any animal off the premises of the owner or of the person keeping or harboring said animal which said official or his agent or agents have reason to believe is a stray animal.

(2) Any dog off the premises of the owner or of the person keeping or harboring said dog with or without a current registration tag on his collar.

(3) Any animal kept in a kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound and off such establishment and not confined or controlled as prescribed by § 173-14.


(5) Any animal deemed vicious as set forth in § 173-26, to be disposed of in accordance with § 173-26.

B. If any animal seized pursuant to Subsection A(1) through (4) hereof wears a collar or harness having inscribed thereon or attached thereto the name and address of any person or a registration tag or the owner or the person keeping or harboring said animal is known, the Animal Control Warden or anyone authorized by him shall forthwith serve on the person whose address is given on the collar or on the owner or the person keeping or harboring said animal, if known, a notice, in writing, stating that the animal has been seized and will be liable to be disposed of or destroyed if not claimed within ten (10) days after the service of the notice.

C. A notice under Subsection B of this section may be served either by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served or by leaving it at the person’s usual or last known place of abode or at the address given on the collar or by forwarding it by mail in a prepaid letter addressed to that person at his usual or last known place of abode or to the address given on the collar.

D. When any animal seized pursuant to Subsection A(1) through (4) hereof has been detained for ten
(10) days after notice, when notice can be given as above set forth in this section, or has been
detained for ten (10) days after seizure, when notice has not been and cannot be given as above set
forth in this section, and if the owner or person keeping or harboring said animal has not claimed
said animal and paid all expenses incurred by reason of its detention or if, in the case of a dog, it is
unlicensed at the time of the seizure and the owner or person keeping or harboring said dog has not
produced a license and registration tag for said dog, the Animal Control Warden may cause the
animal to be destroyed in a manner causing as little pain as possible.

§ 173-20. Impounding and redemption fees. [Amended 8-17-82 by Township Committee Ord. No.
24-1982; 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

A. There shall be charged to the owner of each animal which is impounded pursuant to § 173-19A(1)
through (5) hereof for picking up each animal, for each animal which is redeemed by its owner and
for animal maintenance for each day or part thereof that the animal has been impounded, the fees
set out in Chapter 79, Fees and Licenses, which fees shall be paid when the animal is released.

B. Any redemption of an animal pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to
discharge or release the owner thereof from the penalties prescribed in § 173-30.1 hereof for any
violation of this Article.

§ 173-21. Entry upon premises for seizure. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-
1982]

Any officer or agent authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this Article is hereby
authorized to go upon any premises to seize for impounding any animal or animals which he may
lawfully seize and impound when such officer is in immediate pursuit of such animal or animals, except
upon the premises of the owner of the animal if said owner is present and forbids the same.

§ 173-22. Interference with authorized person.

No person shall hinder, molest or interfere with anyone authorized or empowered to perform any duty
under this Article.

§ 173-23. Animals making noise at night. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

No person shall keep, harbor or maintain any animal which habitually barks, meows or cries between
the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. or which by frequent barking, meowing or crying disturbs the peace
and quiet of the neighborhood and creates a nuisance thereby.

§ 173-24. Running at large; trespassing on private property; defecating on public property.
[Amended 12-20-1982 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982; 11-16-1992 by Board of
Health Ord. No. 3-1992]

A. No person owning, keeping or harboring any animal shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon
the public streets or in any public park or in any public building or in any other public place within
the township.

B. No person shall permit any animal in his care or custody or under his control, whether or not on a
leash, tether, cord, chain or the like, to enter upon or defecate upon the lawn, yard, entrance walk,
designated area or driveway of any private residence without the permission of the owner or tenant
thereof. “Private residence” shall be defined for the purposes of this Article to include, not by way
of limitation, any limited common area designated by the Master Deed to be under the direction
and control of an individual unit owner. [Amended 11-19-1990 by Board of Health Ord. No. 5-
1990]
C. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any domestic animal shall cause, suffer or allow such animal to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any public property whatsoever, except under the following conditions:

(1) The person who owns, harbors, keeps or is in charge of such dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the local Health Officer.

(2) The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog curbed in accordance with the provisions of this Article in a sanitary manner approved by the local Health Officer.

§ 173-25. Destruction of infected animals. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

Any animal which appears to be suffering from rabies or affected with hydrophobia, mange or other infectious or dangerous disease and found running at large may forthwith be destroyed by any police officer or the Animal Control Warden. A report of the disposal of all animals shall be promptly filed with the Chief of Police, who shall keep a proper and complete record in a substantially bound book.

§ 173-26. Vicious animals. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

A. Any animal which has on more than one (1) occasion attacked or bitten a human being or which habitually attacks other wild or domestic animals or which otherwise has shown such savagery, fierceness or ferocity as to indicate that it is a threat to the safety of individual persons or other animals is hereby defined to be a vicious animal for the purposes of this section.

B. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Warden or the Chief of Police to receive and to cause to be investigated complaints against animals. When any animal shall be deemed by the Animal Control Warden or any member of the Police Department or Health Officer, whether on his own complaint or the complaint of another, to be a vicious animal, as herein defined, he shall forthwith take into custody and impound said animal and report the facts to the Judge of the Municipal Court, who shall thereupon cause the owner or person harboring such animal, if known, to be notified, in writing, of the complaint against such animal and to appear before said Judge at a stated time and place. The Judge, at the time set for such hearing, shall inquire into the facts and give all interested persons an opportunity to be heard, under oath, and to be represented by counsel.

C. If the Judge shall decide, in accordance with the evidence before him, that such animal complained of is a vicious animal, as defined by this section, he may order the destruction of the animal or permit the animal to remain alive under stipulated terms or conditions. Notice of such decision shall be given to the owner or person harboring such animal, if known.

D. In the event a vicious animal is permitted to remain alive, no such animal shall be permitted to run at large or be upon any street or public place in the township except while securely muzzled or under leash. The owner or person harboring any such vicious animal who shall suffer or permit such animal to run upon any street or public place in the township while not securely muzzled and under leash shall be guilty of a violation of this Article.

§ 173-27. Abandonment of animals. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

No person who shall own, keep or harbor an animal shall abandon such animal within the township.

A. In the event that the Animal Control Warden or a member of the Police Department shall be summoned to dispose of the remains of a deceased animal whose body shall be on a public roadway or upon the property of an individual who is not the owner of said animal, the owner of said deceased animal shall be charged per the published fee schedule to dispose of said animal.

B. No person shall dispose of the body of any deceased animal by placing the body of said animal upon a public roadway or by leaving said body upon the property of another without the permission of the owner of said property.

§ 173-29. Transportation of specimens for laboratory analysis. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

A. The primary responsibility for transporting and delivering animal heads and specimens to the State of New Jersey Health Department laboratories in Trenton, New Jersey, shall rest with the owner of the animal in question.

B. In the case of animals involved in biting incidents which require laboratory analysis for rabies detection, the township may assume responsibility for transporting such specimens as may be required. When the owner of the animal cannot deliver the specimen to the laboratory, a fee will be charged in accordance with the established fee schedule.

§ 173-30. Number of animals per residential structure. [Added 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

No person, which shall be defined to include a family unit, shall keep, harbor, have possession or custody of more than five (5) dogs or cats of the same type or combination thereof, on any one (1) residential parcel of land within the township. This restriction shall not include the temporary (until weaned) keeping of puppies or kittens which have been born to a female dog or cat kept on the same residential parcel of land at the time of birth of said puppies or kittens nor to five (5) or more dogs which were licensed pursuant to this chapter in the calendar year 1982, provided that said dogs shall not be replaced so long as four (4) or more other domesticated animals shall be kept, harbored or possessed or be in such custody at said residential parcel of land.


A. Any person who violates or fails or refuses to comply with §§ 173-2, 173-3, 173-6, 173-8, 173-9, 173-10, 173-11, 173-14, 173-22, 173-27 or 173-28B of this Article shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties provided in § 164-14 of Chapter 164, General Provisions, Board of Health: provided, however, that the minimum fine for violation of § 173-2 of this Article shall be twenty-five dollars ($25.).

B. Any person who violates the provisions of § 173-23, 173-24, 173-26 or 173-30 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars ($200.) or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten (10) days, or both.

ARTICLE II
Diseases of Animals
§ 173-31. Report by veterinarian or owner.

Every veterinarian who shall attend any animal in the Township of East Hanover affected with or suspected to be affected with anthrax, glanders, farcy, foot and mouth disease, rabies, tuberculosis or any other communicable disease shall file with the Board of Health within twelve (12) hours thereafter a written report stating the name of the disease, the kind of animal, the precise location of such animal, the name and address of the owner or person in charge thereof and any other necessary information regarding the animal so affected. In case no veterinarian shall attend such animal, then it shall be the duty of the owner or person in charge to file such report with the Board of Health.

§ 173-32. Ordering isolation or destruction of infected animal.

The owner or person in charge of any animal affected with or suspected to be affected with any disease mentioned in 173-31 or with any other communicable disease shall isolate or restrict such animal and follow such precautions, in such manner and for such length of time as the Board of Health may direct. The Board of Health shall have the power to order the destruction of any animal so affected, and it shall be the duty of the owner or person in charge thereof to immediately comply with the terms of such order. The Board of Health shall not be liable for the value of any animal so destroyed.

§ 173-33. Animals bitten by rabid animals. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

Whenever any animal shall be bitten by any animal infected with or suspected to be infected with rabies, the owner or person in charge of the animal so bitten shall, according to the Board of Health orders, either destroy such animal or isolate it for a period of six (6) months. If the biting animal is captured, it should be isolated for a period of two (2) weeks.

§ 173-34. Isolation of animals after biting. [Amended 12-20-82 by Board of Health Ord. No. 3-1982]

When any person shall be bitten by any animal, the owner or person in charge thereof shall isolate said animal for a period of two (2) weeks according to the direction of the Board of Health and shall permit the said Board of Health to make such examinations of such animal as may be necessary.

§ 173-35. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties provided in § 164-14 of Chapter 164, General Provisions, Board of Health.

ARTICLE III
Cats


As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANIMAL — Any wild or domesticated warm-blooded creature.

ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY — Any person or agency designated or certified by the State of New Jersey to enforce the provisions of this Article.

CAT — Any member of the domestic feline species, male, female or altered.
CAT OF LICENSING AGE — Any cat which has attained the age of seven (7) months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth.

CATTERY — Any room or group of rooms, cage or exhibition pen, not part of a kennel, wherein cats for sale are kept or displayed.

HARBOR — The act of providing space or making available food or shelter in such a manner which attracts a cat or cats to one’s premises.

LICENSING AUTHORITY — The Department of Health or any designated representative thereof charged with administering the issuance and/or revocation of permits and licenses under the provisions of this Article.

NEUTERED — Rendered permanently incapable of reproduction as certified by a licensed veterinarian.

OWNER — When applied to the proprietorship of a cat, includes every person having a right of property or custody in such cat and every person who has such cat in his/her keeping or who harbors or maintains a cat or knowingly permits a cat to remain on or about any premises occupied by that person.

PERSON — Any individual, corporation, partnership, organization or institution commonly recognized by law as a unit.

§ 173-37. License and vaccination required; certificate; exemptions.

A. Vaccination and license required; exceptions. No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any cat over seven (7) months of age within the Township of East Hanover unless such cat is vaccinated and licensed. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to cats held in a cattery or those held by a state or federally licensed research facility or a veterinary establishment where cats are received or kept for diagnostic, medical, surgical or other treatments or licensed animal shelters, pounds, kennels or pet shops.

B. Vaccination. All cats shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the latest Compendium of Animals Rabies Vaccines and Recommendations for Immunization published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, except as provided for in Subsection D.

C. Vaccination certificates. A certificate of vaccination shall be issued to the owner of each animal vaccinated on a form recommended by the state.

D. Exemptions. Any cat may be exempted from the requirements of such vaccination for a specified period of time by the local Board of Health upon presentation of a veterinarian’s certificate stating that because of an infirmity or other physical condition or regimen of therapy the inoculation of such cat shall be deemed inadvisable.

§ 173-38. Display of license.

Any person who shall own, keep or harbor a cat of licensing age shall annually apply for and procure from the Clerk of the municipality, or other official designated by the governing body there-of by resolution to license cats in the municipality in which he/she resides, a license and official registration tag with license number or a registration sleeve for each cat so owned, kept or harbored and shall place upon such cat a collar or other device with the license number securely fastened or displayed thereto.
Acceptable methods of displaying the license number shall include, but are not limited to, breakaway or elastic collars. License tags or sleeves are not transferable.


The owner of any newly acquired cat of licensing age or of any cat which attains licensing age shall make application for a license tag or sleeve for such cat within ten (10) days after such acquisition or age attainment. This requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a cat within the Township of East Hanover for no longer than ninety (90) days.

§ 173-40. Cats brought into township.

A. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the Township of East Hanover any cat licensed in another state for the current year and bearing a registration tag or sleeve and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the Township of East Hanover for a period of more than ninety (90) days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

B. Any person who shall bring or cause to be brought into the Township of East Hanover any unlicensed cat and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the Township of East Hanover for a period of more than ten (10) days shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

§ 173-41. Application for license; preservation of information.

A. The application shall state the breed, sex, age, color and markings of the cat for which license and registration are sought and whether it is of a long- or shorthaired variety and also the name, street and post office address of the owner and the person who shall keep or harbor such cat.

B. The information on said application and the registration number issued for the cat shall be preserved for a period of three (3) years by the Clerk or other local official designated to license cats in the municipality.

§ 173-42. License forms and tags.

License forms and official tags or sleeves shall be furnished by the municipality and shall be numbered serially and shall bear the year of issuance and the name of the municipality.

§ 173-43. Proof of inoculation or exemption required for license.

No Municipal Clerk or other official designated by the governing body of any municipality to license cats therein shall grant any such license and official registration tag or sleeve for any cat unless the owner thereof provides evidence that the cat to be licensed and registered has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Human Services or has been certified exempt as provided by § 173-37 of this Article. The rabies inoculation shall be administered by a duly licensed veterinarian or by such other veterinarian permitted by law to do the same.

§ 173-44. License and tag fees; late fee.

The person applying for the license and registration tag shall pay a fee for the licensing of each cat and an additional sum for the registration tag of each cat, and for each annual renewal the fee for the license and for the registration tag shall be the same as for the original license and tag. Any person who
fails to apply for and procure from the Board of Health and/or its designee a license and official registration tag for each cat by January 31 of each calendar year shall be charged a late fee. See Chapter 79, Fees and Licenses, § 79-15.

§ 173-45. Licenses from other municipalities; renewals; expiration.

A. A license from another municipality shall be accepted. The person applying for the license and registration tag and/or sleeve shall pay the fee fixed or authorized. The fee for the renewal of a license and registration tag or sleeve shall be the same as for the original, and said license, registration tag or sleeve and renewal thereof shall expire on January 31 of each year, in the following year.

B. Only one (1) license and registration tag or sleeve shall be required in the licensing year for any cat in the Township of East Hanover. Any valid New Jersey license tag or sleeve issued by a New Jersey municipality shall be accepted by this municipality as evidence of compliance.

§ 173-46. Lost or misplaced licenses.

If a license tag or sleeve has been misplaced or lost, the licensing officer may issue a duplicate license and/or registration sleeve for that particular cat at no fee.

§ 173-47. Proof of license.

Proof of licensing shall be produced by any person owning, keeping, maintaining or harboring a cat upon the request of any health official, police officer, animal control officer or other authorized person.


No person shall hinder, molest or interfere with anyone authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this Article.

§ 173-49. Disposition of fees.

License fees and other moneys collected or received under the provisions of this Article shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the municipality and shall be placed in a special account separate from any of the other accounts of the municipality and shall be used for the following purposes only: for collecting, keeping and disposing of cats liable to seizure; for local prevention and control of rabies; for providing anti-rabies treatment under the direction of the local Board of Health for any person known or suspected to have been exposed to rabies; and for administering the provisions of this Article. Any unexpected balance remaining in such special account shall be retained until the end of the third fiscal year following and may be used for any of the purposes set forth in this section. At the end of said third fiscal year following and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter, there shall be transferred from such special account to the general funds of the municipality any amount then in such account which is in excess of the total amount paid into the special account during the last two (2) fiscal years next preceding.

§ 173-50. Violations and penalties.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, any person who violates or who fails or refuses to comply with this Article shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.) for each offense, to be recovered by and in the name of the East Hanover Board of Health or by and in the name of the Township of East Hanover.