

TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 7-2005

*An Ordinance Of The Township Of Edgewater Park,
County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey,
Formulating a Pet Waste Disposal Program
Creating Chapter 8.80 Entitled “Pet Waste Disposal Program”*

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park is desirous of establishing requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION I: Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, 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.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. 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.
- c. Person– any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet – a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. Proper Disposal - placement in a designed 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 treatment and disposal.

SECTION II: 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, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION III: Exemptions

All pet owners or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION IV: Enforcement

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Police Department and the Local Board of Health of the Township of Edgewater Park.

SECTION V: Violations and Penalty

- A. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof in a proceeding before a court of competent jurisdiction be subject to the following fines:
 - 1. A fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00);
- B. Each continuing violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION VI: Severability

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

SECTION VII: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its adoption and any publications as may be required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK

Richard M. Tucker, Mayor

Linda M. Dougherty, R.M.C.,
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by the Edgewater Park Township Committee at its meeting held on May 10, 2005. This ordinance will be consider for adoption of final reading and public hearing to be held on May 24, 2005 at 7:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, and place to which such meeting may be adjourned, in the Municipal Building, 400 Delanco Road, Edgewater Park, New Jersey. At which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Record Vote of the Township Committee on First Reading					
Committee Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Motioned By:
Mr. Atzert					
Mrs. Hall					
Mr. Pullion					
Mr. Van Brunt					
Mayor Tucker					

NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION:

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park at a Regular Meeting held on _____ at the Municipal Building, 400 Delanco Road.

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1st Reading:

Publication:

Amendment:

2nd Reading:

Publication:

Adoption:

Record Vote of the Township Committee on Second Reading					
Committee Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Motioned By:
Mr. Atzert					
Mrs. Hall					
Mr. Pullion					
Mr. Van Brunt					
Mayor Tucker					

