Borough of Matawan

Notice of Pending Ordinance

The ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on November 16, 2015. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the regular meeting of the governing body in the Borough on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock pm. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same or on the Borough of Matawan website at www.matawanborough.com.

Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 15-21
ORDINANCE CREATING AN
ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN

WHEREAS, there is public interest in the Borough of Matawan and its residents to create a committee of concerned citizens to provide guidance to the Municipality and information to residents concerning issues that are germane to domestic animals and animal welfare in an enlightened society; and

WHEREAS, it is a need and desire to create a public awareness committee that involves citizens for the dissemination of information and notifications concerning animals and their care, maintenance, treatment, and well-being generally and during periods of natural disasters and emergency; to provide information to the general public concerning the enforcement of animal cruelty laws and animal safety regulations, as well as the care and treatment of wild animals in our community; and the establishment of assistance to pet owners regarding animal poison information, stray cats, licensing, injured and abandoned wildlife, hoarding, spaying and neutering information, dogfighting, animal adoption resources in the State of New Jersey, pet loss and bereavement, humane education, pet friendly housing, and the relation of animal welfare with Borough Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it would be the desire and intent of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee to coordinate with other agencies of the Borough of Matawan to disseminate information concerning the implementation of resources and protections for animals and pet owners to residents and visitors of the Borough of Matawan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1.   The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan herewith create an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (hereinafter, "the Committee") to be composed of three members appointed by the Mayor on an annual basis beginning January 1, 2016, which appointments shall be for a one-year period, subject to confirmation by the Council of the Borough of Matawan.

The members shall serve until successors are qualified if not appointment is made on the anniversary of that member's appointment.

2.   The members of the Committee shall not be employees of the Borough of Matawan and shall be unpaid, and the members shall not be able to receive any consideration or remuneration other than membership in the committee.

3.   The Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis and shall provide reports to the Mayor and Council by May 31 and September 31 of every year concerning its activities and shall make regular recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning issues involving animal welfare and shall be afforded opportunities for the dissemination of information on the Borough's website concerning animal welfare issues as they arise, subject to the approval of the chief administrative office of the Borough of Matawan.

4.   The Committee shall not have any rights, duties, or obligations that are specifically delegated by law to enforcement agencies of the State, County, or Municipality concerning animal cruelty issues of any type.

5.   If any part of this Ordinance is deemed to be illegal or ineffective, the other provisions shall nonetheless remain in force.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.