NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
ORDINANCE 2026-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 80, "ANIMALS," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF FERAL CATS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran has received complaints and concerns regarding the feeding of feral cats within the Township and the resulting congregation and proliferation of feral cats in residential and other areas of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 80 of the Code of the Township of Delran presently regulates dogs and cats within the Township and establishes certain provisions concerning feral cats and feral cat colonies; and

WHEREAS, Section 80-9.3 of the Township Code presently prohibits the feeding of feral cats upon property owned by the Township of Delran, but does not extend that prohibition to privately owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the unregulated feeding of feral cats may contribute to the congregation and proliferation of feral cats and may result in nuisance, sanitation, health, and property concerns affecting Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it appropriate to prohibit the feeding of feral cats on both public and private property within the Township, while preserving an exception for feral cat colonies properly registered with or otherwise recognized by the Township and maintained in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Township Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Section 80-9.3, entitled "Feeding and providing food to feral cats on Township property prohibited," of Chapter 80, "Animals," of the Code of the Township of Delran is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

§ 80-9.3. Feeding and providing food to feral cats prohibited.

A. Prohibition. Except as otherwise provided herein, no person shall intentionally feed, cause to be fed, provide food for, or otherwise make food available for consumption by any feral cat on any public or private property within the Township of Delran.

B. Exception for recognized feral cat colonies. The prohibition set forth in Subsection A shall not apply to the feeding of feral cats in connection with a feral cat colony that is properly registered with or otherwise recognized by the Township and maintained in accordance with § 80-9.1 of the Township Code.

C. Property owner permission required. Nothing contained in this section shall authorize any person to enter upon or utilize private property for the purpose of feeding or caring for feral cats without the permission of the owner of such property.

D. Violations and penalties. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding $300 for each offense. Each day upon which a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2.

Except as expressly amended herein, all other provisions of Chapter 80 of the Code of the Township of Delran shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

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

SECTION 4.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on October 13, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Delran Municipal Building, 900 Chester Avenue, Delran, New Jersey 08075 on November 10, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. 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 Township Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Jamey L. Eggers, Township Clerk