

City of Somers Point, NJ
Monday, November 20, 2017

Chapter 120. Dogs and Other Animals

Article I. Animal Licensing and Control

§ 120-6. General regulations.

- A. **Disturbance of the peace.** No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or other animal which habitually barks, howls or cries and thereby disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood and creates a nuisance at any time of the day or night.
- B. **Leashing.** No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or similar animal shall permit it to be upon a public street, sidewalk, thoroughfare, park, playground or school yard or in any of the public places of the City unless it is controlled by an adequate leash or tether not more than 15 feet long, unless it is a property upon which dogs are prohibited such as specified in Article II of this chapter, or otherwise.
- C. **Nuisance prohibited.** No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or other animal shall cause or allow said animal to soil, defile, deface or defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any public property. The person in charge of such animal shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such animal by any sanitary method. This same provision applies to any private property when the activities of the animal occur without permission of the property owner.
- D. **Property damage.** No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog or other animal shall permit it to do any injury or to do any damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, garden or property of another person unless consented to by the other person.
- E. **Running at large.** No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog or other animal shall permit the animal to run at large, outside of the control of the owner, on public property or private property off the premises of the owner.

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Article II. Beach Restrictions, Nuisances, and Disposal of Animal Waste

§ 120-21. Beach restrictions.

No dog or other animal shall be taken or permitted upon the bathing beaches fronting the bays of the Atlantic Ocean, including the beaches of Kennedy Park.

§ 120-22. Nuisances.

- A. No person owning or in charge of any dog or other animal shall cause 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 or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property.
- B. No person shall keep, harbor, feed, raise or breed common pigeons and seagulls which are hereby declared to be a nuisance and a hazard to health; the littering of public or private grounds for the purpose of feeding such birds or placing or causing to be placed any food designated or intended for the purpose of feeding such birds or in such a manner as to increase the hazard of rat infestation therein or thereabout is also hereby declared specifically to be a nuisance and a hazard to health.

§ 120-23. Removal and disposal of feces.

- A. Any person owning or in charge of any dog or other animal which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits 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 or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of said property shall immediately remove all feces deposited by any such dog or other animal by any sanitary method approved by the local health authority. Sanitary methods for removing all feces approved by the local Board of Health are mechanical devices, such as pooch scoops, small shovels, etc. All feces removed by the person owning, harboring, keeping, or in charge of any such animal shall properly dispose of all feces in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leakproof container in an appropriate trash receptacle.
- B. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning or in charge of any such dog in accordance with provisions of this chapter.

§ 120-24. Exceptions.

The provisions of this chapter as to removal and disposal of dog feces shall not apply to blind persons who may use dogs as guides.