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Harmony Township
Warren County, NJ

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING ANIMALS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
HARMONY

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (“Township”), regulates behavior in the Township through Ordinances set forth in Chapter 133 of the Township Code Book;

WHEREAS, the Township determined the need for additional regulations to control Cats in the Township, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of Harmony, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Article III: Cats. Shall be added to Chapter 133; Animals and read as follows:

133-7 Care and Control.

Any person who owns, keeps or harbors any cat(s) located within the Township of Harmony or permits cat(s) to enter the corporate limits of the Township of Harmony shall exercise sufficient and proper care and control over such animal at all times so as to prevent the animal from becoming a public nuisance or otherwise violating this section.

133-8 Responsibility of Owner.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any cat shall permit it to soil, defile or commit any nuisance on any other privately owned property. This provision shall apply to all privately owned property in the Township except the property of the owner or keeper of the cat(s) and the property owner or controlled by persons who have invited or permitted the owner or keeper of the cat(s) to bring such cat(s) upon the premises.

133-9 Nuisance.

No person owning or keeping cat(s) shall permit such cat to become a public nuisance as defined herein.

133-10 Abandonment.

No person shall abandon any cat(s) of any age or permit cat(s) to become stray.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as proved by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Harmony Township Committee as its budget meeting held on May 7, 2026, which Ordinance shall be given further consideration for final passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon, at its regular monthly meeting to be held on June 2, 2026, which shall commence at 6:00 p.m. at the Harmony Township Municipal Building, 3003 Belvidere Road, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Kelley D. Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk