

**ORDINANCE 2180**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TITLED "ANIMALS"**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 146 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled "Animals" was established by Ordinance on October 13, 1964 to set rates for Dog and Cat licensing fees; and

**WHEREAS**, there is, on occasion, a need to adjust such rates due to inflation over a period of time, and in this case, such rates have not been amended since February 23, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the South Plainfield Health Department and the Borough Clerk to amend the licensing fee structure within Chapter 146 of the Borough Code as follows:

***Article I Licensing and Control of Dogs***

***§ 146-4 Fees***

- A. The person applying for the license and registration tag for a dog shall pay the annual fee of \$15.00 for a spayed/neutered dog or the annual fee of \$20.00 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog. Said license, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on the last day of January each year. If a dog license tag has been misplaced or lost, the Board of Health or the Office of the Borough Clerk may issue a duplicate dog license tag for a fee of \$5 per dog.

***Article II Licensing and Control of Cats***

***§ 146-24 Fees***

- A. The person applying for the license and registration tag for a cat shall pay the annual fee of \$15.00 for a spayed/neutered cat or the annual fee of \$20.00 for a non-spayed/non-neutered cat. Said license, registration tags and renewals thereof shall expire on the last day of January each year.

***§ 146-26 Duplicate license tag or sleeve; fee***

If a cat license tag has been misplaced or lost, the Board of Health or the Office of the Borough Clerk may issue a duplicate cat license tag for a fee of \$5 per cat.

***Article III Deadline for Payment of Fees***

***§ 146-31 Applicability***

All fees for licenses issued after February 1 of each year shall include those license and registration tag fees set forth in §146-4, §146-24 and §146-26 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey.

**§ 146-32 *Violations and Penalties***

Any license renewals and fees not paid by February 1 of each year shall promulgate from either the Board of Health or the Office of the Borough Clerk a reminder notice for the annual renewal of the dog and/or cat license. If after up-to three reminder notices via mail, email and/or phone call have resulted without the licensing of the owner's dog and/or cat, the Board of Health or the Office of the Borough Clerk shall notify the enforcement entities of this Chapter; the Police Department, the Health Officer and the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of South Plainfield. Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof.

**SECTION 1. INCONSISTENCY** - All sections or parts inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE** - This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2021.