

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

ORDINANCE 2016-2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-27 ADOPTED OCTOBER 24, 2007,
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON TO AMEND
CHAPTER 16, ENTITLED “DOGS AND CATS”, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF MANSFIELD**

WHEREAS, Mansfield Township is required to subcontract our Animal Control services in the Township; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield Township has seen a dramatic increase in the annual fees for the Animal Control Services; and

WHEREAS, the current Animal Control Officer, (ACO), has taken it upon himself to handle matters that in the past were handled by individual residents, specifically matters involving non-domesticated animals; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has decided to amend the Ordinance to more clearly define under what circumstances the resident is responsible for the release of certain non-domesticated animals trapped on their property at the request of the ACO; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED, by the Township of Mansfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the following amendment shall be established and become enforceable:

CHAPTER 16 is hereby Amended to include the following provision;

Chapter 16, section 22 will be amended to include a sub (C.) to read as follows:

“ the provisions of this chapter and section shall only apply to domesticated animals. Additionally, all resident requests for traps set by the Animal Control Officer, (ACO), to handle feral cats must be monitored daily to insure that no animal is left too long. Further, in the event the trap results in the capture of other than a feral cat, i.e. raccoon, skunk, ground hog ,etc., the resident is to release on their own. The Township will not be responsible for the cost to release other than a feral cat. Additionally, any resident requesting the traps must ‘trip’ the trap at night to avoid nocturnal animals, such as skunks, etc., from getting in during the night.”

SEVERABILITY Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall remain valid and of full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption, and publication in accordance with law.