

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE  
ORDINANCE #24-22**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF  
THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE,  
CHAPTER 122, "ANIMALS"**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Article IV, entitled "Pet Waste" is hereby added as follows:

**ARTICLE IV - Pet Waste**

**§ 122-29 Purpose.**

The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Borough of River Edge, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**§ 122-30 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this section clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

IMMEDIATE — Shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

OWNER/KEEPER — Shall mean any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.

PERSON — Shall mean any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PET — Shall mean a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.

PET SOLID WASTE — Shall mean waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

PROPER DISPOSAL — Shall mean placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

**§ 122-31 Requirement for Disposal.**

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

**§ 122-32 Exemptions.**

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

**§ 122-33 Enforcement.**

The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the River Edge Police Department and the local Board of Health of the Borough of River Edge.

**§ 122-34 Violations and Penalty.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.

Section 2. Any ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith any are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. In case any clause, sentence, section or other provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or repeal the remainder of this ordinance except insofar as the clause, sentence, section or other provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder thereof.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED: September 9, 2024

ADOPTED: September 23, 2024

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kaufinan			X			
Montisano-Koen						X
Kinsella	X		X			
Malrellari						X
Benson			X			
Glass		X	X			
Mayor Papaleo						

I hereby certify the above to  
be a true copy of an Ordinance  
adopted by the Governing Body  
of the Borough of River Edge on  
September 23, 2024

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Anne Dodd, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk/Assistant Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Papaleo", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Papaleo, Mayor