

BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON

ORDINANCE #17-2018

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON
TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF
MUNICIPAL HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 7 of the Code of the Borough of North Haledon is hereby supplemented by the addition of the following:

ARTICLE 19: Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer

A. Office established.

There is hereby created the office of Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer for the Borough of North Haledon.

B. Appointment and term.

The Mayor, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Council, a Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1 and terminating December 31 in each year or the unexpired portion thereof.

C. Powers and duties.

The Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer shall exercise the following powers and duties, including but not limited to:

- i. Enforcement of all animal welfare and animal cruelty laws and ordinances;
- ii. Investigate and sign complaints concerning any violation of animal welfare or animal cruelty laws or ordinances;

- iii. Act as an officer for the detection, apprehension and arrest of offenders against the animal welfare and animal cruelty laws and ordinances; and,
- iv. Enforce and abide by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:22-1, et seq.; and,
- v. Such other powers and duties required under ordinance or at law.

D. Firearm authority.

The Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to possess, carry and use a firearm while enforcing the laws and ordinances enacted for the protection of animals, provided that such Officer qualifies and maintains all certification and training requirements required by law.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon declares that it would have passed the Ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon on July 18, 2018, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on August 15, 2018 at the Municipal Bldg., 103 Overlook Ave., North Haledon, NJ at 7:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter at which time anyone interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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