



Asbury Park, New Jersey  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK AMENDING AND  
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9, ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL” TO PROHIBIT  
THE BREEDING OF DOGS AND CATS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Asbury Park (the “City”) previously established Chapter 9, entitled “Animal Control” of “The Code of the City of Asbury Park” (also referenced as the “City Code”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City now desires to create a new Section 9-13 of the City Code to be entitled “Ban on Breeding of Dogs and Cats”;

**WHEREAS**, the provisions to be revised are more specifically identified below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Asbury Park, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Code is hereby amended and supplemented to create a new § 9-13 to read as follows:

**§ 9-13 BAN ON BREEDING OF DOGS AND CATS**

**§ 9-13.1 The Deliberate Breeding of Dogs and Cats for Profit is Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to deliberately breed any dog or cat for profit. Violation of this subsection by any person or corporation shall be an infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per litter deliberately bred. Anyone found guilty of this provision may cure this fine by providing proof to the animal control officer that all of the animals bred and their offspring have been spayed or neutered, via inspection of the animals in question and/or veterinary records, and that all breeding activity on the property has ceased.

**§ 9-13.2 Advertisement and Sale of Dogs and Cats is Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any dog or cat. Violation of this subsection by any person or corporation shall be an infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per animal per day.

**§ 9-13.3 Exceptions.**

a. Exception for Accidental Litters. The prohibition on the deliberate breeding of dogs or cats for profit in this Section shall not apply to litters of dogs or cats that were bred due to accident, provided that the person responsible for the animals provides proof to the animal control officer that the animals bred have been spayed or neutered.

b. Exception for Rehoming Fees. The prohibition on the advertisement and sale of dogs and cats in this Section shall not apply to rehoming fees required when adopting any dog or cat for the purposes of ensuring that the animal is adopted into a safe environment.

**Section 2.** All other provisions of Chapter 9 of the City Code which are not referenced in this Ordinance shall remain unaffected/unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** All parts and provisions of any Ordinance which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law, following the required twenty (20) day period after adoption, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

I, ANTHONY CUCCI, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park, Monmouth County, New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19 which was finally adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on the 23rd day of July, 2025



ANTHONY CUCCI  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

✓ Vote Record - Ordinance 2025-19						
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	Amy Quinn	Voter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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