

§ 188-23. Pet waste. [Added 2-8-2005 by Ord. No. 2005-8]

- A. Purpose. To establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.
- B. 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 — Means the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.

OWNER/KEEPER — 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 — Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

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

PET SOLID WASTE — Waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

PROPER DISPOSAL — Any of the following:[Amended 4-20-2022 by Ord. No. 2022-3]

- (1) Collection and placement of the pet solid waste into a designated public waste receptacle owned by the Borough.
 - (2) Collection and placement of pet solid waste either onto the pet owner's private property or into the pet owner's waste receptacle.
 - (3) Collection and disposal of pet solid waste into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.
- C. Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly collect and dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person. Pet owners and keepers shall not dispose of pet solid waste by placing it on private property, into a privately owned waste or recycling receptacle or container, or onto public property other than into a designated public waste receptacle owned by the Borough. [Amended 4-20-2022 by Ord. No. 2022-3]
 - D. 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.
 - E. Enforcement. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Police Department and the Health Department of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.