

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08**  
**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5-8.3, 9-4.c AND 9-17 OF THE  
GREEN TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING DOGS AND PERMITTING  
LEASHED DOGS IN EVERGREEN PARK AND PAPA PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has considered revisions to the Green Township Code in order to allow leashed dogs in Evergreen Park and Papa Park in the Township of Green; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has also agreed that Public Works employees will now have the authority to enforce the provisions of Chapter 9.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that Sections 5-8.3, 9.4.c and 9.17 of the Code of the Township of Green are revised as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

Section 5-8.3 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

5-8.3. Dog to be Accompanied by Person over 12 Years Old; Leash

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be in a public place within the Township unless such dog has a current dog license and all required vaccinations, is accompanied by a person over the age of 12 years that has the ability to control the dog, and is securely confined and controlled by an adequate fixed length (non-retractable) leash not more than six (6') feet long. Additionally, except as otherwise provided in Green Township Code § 9-4, no dog, leashed or unleashed shall be permitted to enter upon any of the fields, playgrounds, basketball or tennis courts within the Township of Green.

**SECTION 2.**

Section 9-4.c. shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

9-4. Animals.

- c. Unless otherwise authorized by the Township Committee during designated events, leashed dogs shall be permitted only along Evergreen Trail, County Connector Rail to Trail, and within Evergreen Park and Papa Park, but not on any of the athletic fields, as long as such dog has a current dog license and all required vaccinations, is accompanied by a person over the age of twelve (12) years that has the ability to control the dog, and is controlled by an adequate fixed length (non-retractable) leash of no more than six (6') feet in length.

By bringing a dog onto Township property, the dog owner, as well as the person handling the dog, are responsible for all actions and behavior of their dog(s) at all times while on Township property. In the event that a dog causes any injury or death to any person, animal or any property, the owner and dog handler shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Township of Green, the Township Committee members, administrator, officers, employees, agents and each of their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, cost and expenses, involving their dog, including reasonable attorney fees, that are caused by, arise out of or result from the dog's activities or actions on or at Township property.

**SECTION 3**

Section 9-17 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

9-17. Enforcement.

The Township Committee members, its designees, the Recreation Advisory Committee Chairperson or their designee, the Department of Public Works employees and the State Police shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

**SECTION 4 - SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5 - REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

**SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

**NOTICE**

The above-entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Green Township Committee at a meeting held on June 6, 2022, and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Green Township Committee at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF GREEN,  
IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

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Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

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Margaret Phillips, Mayor

**Record of Vote - Introduction:**

	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Chirip			√			
Mr. DeYoung			√			
Mr. Qarmout	√		√			
Mrs. Raffay		√	√			
Mayor Phillips			√			

**Record of Vote - Adoption:**

	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Chirip						
Mr. DeYoung						
Mr. Qarmout						
Mrs. Raffay						
Mayor Phillips						

INTRODUCED: June 6, 2022  
ADOPTION:

ADVERTISED: June 14, 2022  
ADVERTISED: