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Town of LaFayette

Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the year 2023.

A local law to amend Chapter 137 (Dogs) of the Code of the Town of LaFayette by changing the title to  
(Insert Title)  
read "Dog and Cat Control" and adding new controls on cats and dogs

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the

Town of LaFayette as follows:

**Section 1.** The title of Chapter 137 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette is hereby amended to read "Dog and Cat Control."

**Section 2.** Chapter 137, section 137-1 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette (Purpose and findings) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the health, safety and well-being of persons and property within the Town of LaFayette through the licensing and identification of dogs, and by imposing restrictions and regulations upon the keeping of dogs and cats. The Town of LaFayette, New York finds that the uncontrolled behavior of dogs and cats has caused physical harm to persons, damaged property, and created nuisances within the Town.

**Section 3.** Chapter 137, section 137-3 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette (Title) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The title of this chapter shall be "Dog and Cat Control."

**Section 4.** Chapter 137, section 137-4 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette (Definitions) is hereby amended to add/modify the following definitions:

CAT – Any member of the species Felis catus.

HARBOR – To provide food, water, or shelter to any dog or cat.

**Section 5.** Chapter 137, section 137-9 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette (Restrictions) is hereby amended to add the following provisions:

§ 137-9 **Restrictions.**

- D. Conditions for keeping dogs and cats. All premises occupied or used by dogs and cats shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Failure to provide adequate food, water, or space shall subject a dog or cat to seizure and confinement. "Adequate" shall mean sufficient for age, size, and number of dogs and cats on the premises. Upon conviction of the owner or harbinger, the dog or cat becomes the property of the Town of LaFayette, to be released to an authorized humane society, veterinarian, or kennel for adoption or euthanasia.
- E. Dog and cat sanitation. All accumulations of dog and cat feces, excrement, droppings, manure, dung, or solid waste matter shall be stored in such places and be removed with such frequency as determined by the New York State Health Department, Onondaga County Health Department, and/or Town Dog Control Officer in such manner as to prevent offensive or noxious conditions/odors.

**Section 6.** Chapter 137, section 137-11 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette (Complaints) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Any person who observes a dog or cat in violation of this chapter may file a complaint under oath with the Dog Control Officer specifying the nature of the violation, the date thereof, a description of the dog and the name and residence, if known, of the owner/harbinger of the dog or cat. Such complaint may serve as the basis for enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

**Section 7.** Chapter 137, section 137-13 of the Code of the Town of LaFayette (Violations; penalties for offenses) is hereby amended to add the following provisions:

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A. (6) Any owner or harbinger of cats or dogs to fail to maintain their premises in a clean and sanitary condition.

(7) Any owner or harbinger of cats or dogs to fail to prevent offensive or noxious conditions/odors.

**Section 8.** This Local Law is effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. of 2023 of the Town of LaFayette was duly passed by the Town Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in Paragraph 1, above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

Signature

Attorney for the Town  
Title

Town of LaFayette

Date: \_\_\_\_\_