

**BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 2018:14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, CHAPTER II, ENTITLED
“ADMINISTRATION”**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford recognize the need to amend Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of New Milford to address recent changes to animal cruelty law enforcement in the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford that Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of New Milford be revised to add 2-18 as follows:

2-18 MUNICIPAL HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- A. The position of Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer(s) (MHLEO) be and hereby is established.
- B. The MHLEO may be employed by an outside contractor and it must be the appointment of the individual, not the company. The appointment is null and void if the individual leaves the employment of the company.
- C. Each County Prosecutor must issue directives concerning Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officers. While these directives have not yet been issued, the BCPO Animal Cruelty Task Force is being used as the Statewide Model.
- D. While no state funds are being provided to accomplish any of this state mandate all summonses issued for State Animal Cruelty Laws will be heard in Municipal Court and the fines, less the State of New Jersey’s portion, will go to the Municipality.
- E. A basic background investigation will be required for the MHLEO and there shall be proper identification issued to each MHLEO.
- F. The Borough of New Milford may designate its Animal Control Officers (either in-house or outside contractors) as MHLEOs.
- G. A police officer will provide assistance should there be an issue which may require an armed officer.
- H. The MHLEO will be under the supervision of the Chief of Police or the Chief’s designee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of this ordinance remains unchanged and that this amendment shall become effective upon passage and publication in accordance with law.