

**BOROUGH OF HATFIELD  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 548**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH OF HATFIELD CODE, ENTITLED “ANIMALS,” TO ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESPONSIBLE HANDLING AND LEASHING OF DOGS OR OTHER PETS.**

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**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code authorizes the Hatfield Borough Council to make and adopt Ordinances that are consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth that it deems necessary for the proper management of the Borough and welfare of the Borough and its citizens.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Code authorizes the Borough Council to adopt rules and regulations governing the safety and public welfare within the Borough.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of Hatfield desires to amend Chapter 2 of the Borough of Hatfield Code, entitled “Animals”, to establish responsible handling and leashing of dogs or other pets within the Hatfield Borough.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hatfield, after due consideration of the proposed ordinance at a duly advertised public hearing, has determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Borough of Hatfield will be served by adopting this ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council of Hatfield, as follows:

**SECTION 1. CODE AMENDMENTS.**

The Hatfield Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 2, Part 6, entitled “LEASHING OF DOGS OR OTHER PETS” of the Hatfield Borough Code is hereby amended to add:**

**§2-601 Leash Law.**

Any person owning, responsible for, having custody of any dog(s), or other pet(s), must have said dog(s), or other pet(s), on a leash(es), including retractable leashes, not exceeding six feet in length, attached from collar and/or harness, accompanied by a person able to fully control said dog(s), or other pet(s), at all times.

§2-602 Application.


Dog(s), or other pet(s), are permitted on a leash and under control of a handler in all public spaces, or public right of way, or alleys, including parks, sidewalks, or public streets. Dog(s), or other pet(s), shall be effectively controlled in accordance with §2-601, entitled "Leash Law." Dog(s) or other pet(s) are prohibited from all athletic fields, playgrounds or fenced court surfaces in all parks. Dog or other pet waste must be cleaned up and disposed of in a waste container by the handler.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council of HATFIELD BOROUGH on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 with 4 Council Members

Ferguson, Girard, Fagan, Kroesser voting "aye" and Ø voting "nay".

Attest:

HATFIELD BOROUGH

  
Jaime E. Snyder, Manager / Secretary

By:   
Jason Ferguson, Council President

Approved by the Mayor:

  
Mary Anne Girard

Date: 12/7/2022