

TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-30

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING  
CHAPTER 20 ENTITLED "ANIMALS" TO ADD SECTION 20-30  
"CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS"

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the Township of Andover, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 20 of the Township Code of the Township of Andover entitled "Animals" is hereby amended and supplemented to add a new section 20-30 entitled "Certification of Animal Control Officers" which shall provide as follows:

**§20-30. Certification of Animal Control Officers.**

- a. An Animal Control Officer of the Township of Andover who has been certified as an Animal Cruelty Investigator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16a is hereby authorized to investigate and sign complaints, arrest violators and otherwise act as an officer for detection, apprehension and arrest of offenders against the animal control, animal welfare and animal cruelty laws of the State and Ordinances of the municipality.
- b. An Animal Control Officer who has been certified as an Animal Cruelty Investigator shall have all the powers and authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16c.
- c. An Animal Control Officer who has been certified as a Animal Cruelty Investigator who signs a complaint, issues a summons, makes an arrest or otherwise acts pursuant to his authority under N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16c shall forward within five business days a copy of that complaint, summons, or arrest warrant or report to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and shall forward a report of any related court action within 30 calendar days of final disposition.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of Andover, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**ATTEST:**

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Vita Thompson, Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER  
COUNTY OF SUSSEX  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Smith, Mayor

**INTRODUCED:  
ADOPTED:**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: NOT INTRODUCED AT THIS TIME**