

## MARCH 6, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kappatos, Council members: Passio, Root, Laubenstein, Kelly, Farrell & Ranieri. Absent: None; Present: CFO/Business Administrator, James D'Auria, Acting Borough Solicitor, Daniel Long, Borough Engineer Mark Basehore.

STATEMENT: Mayor Kappatos read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Ranieri that the minutes of the 1/20/18 & 2/6/18 meetings be approved as submitted by the clerk. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared the minutes approved.

REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL: No report filed.

REPORT OF BOROUGH TREASURER: (See Attached Report).

REPORT OF BOROUGH CLERK: A report was read reporting that the sum of \$2,669.40 was collected in various permits and licenses during the month of February, 2018. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE: No report was filed.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE: No report was filed.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF: No report was filed.

REPORT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS: A report was read stating the sum of \$3,098.00 was collected for death copies, burial permits and marriage copies during the month of February, 2018. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL: A report was read indicating inspections and activities during the month of February, 2018. Fees in the amount of \$6,230.00 were collected. Emergency Medical Services Billing for the month of February, 2018 was \$16,708.13. All fees collected were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR: A report was read for the month of February, 2018 indicating a total of \$3,221,226.50 was collected in taxes and a total of \$256,377.59 was collected in Sewer Utility payments.

A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Laubenstein that the reports be received and filed. The motion carried. Mayor Kappatos declared the reports accepted.

Mayor Kappatos announced the death of former Councilman and long time Planning Board Member Richard Dickinson.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

ORDINANCE #18-03: An Ordinance to Create a Chapter of the Code of the Borough of Runnemede, Entitled "Community Cat" Ordinance, Establishing requirements for Cats Within the Borough of Runnemede.

Mayor Kappatos stated that it was now time for the public hearing to be held as it was advertised to be held at this time and declared the meeting open to the public. There appearing to be no one wishing to speak at this time a motion was made by Passio, seconded by Kelly the public hearing be closed. The motion carried and a motion was made by Passio, seconded by Ranieri the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Farrell, Laubenstein,

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Root, Passio, Ranieri & Kelly. Nays: None. Absent: None. Mayor Kappatos declared the ordinance adopted on second and final reading.

(SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance:** John Ranieri reported on the temporary budget, the salary ordinance, the financial statement and several grants which the borough had obtained.

**Public Safety:** Public Safety Director Kelly read the police and fire department stats and reminded everyone about upcoming events sponsored by the Municipal Alliance.

**Public Events:** Councilwoman Passio reminded everyone about the rabies clinic, the upcoming dinner and show sponsored by the Municipal Alliance. Patty also let everyone know that the borough newsletter would soon be coming out.

**Engineering:** Councilman Farrell reported on the borough hall improvement project and stated he would rely on the report he gave at caucus.

**Public Works:** Councilman Root stated that he would rely on the report he gave at caucus.

**Parks & Recreation:** Councilman Laubenstein stated that fields were being prepped for spring.

**Business Administrator:** James D'Auria reported that he was working with each Director on their budgets and that he was supervising the completion of the building improvements.

**Solicitor's Report:** Acting Solicitor Long reported on refunding 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes to those who paid them in 2017.

**Engineer's Report:** Mark Basehore stated he would rely on his report submitted at caucus meeting.

This portion of the meeting was opened for public comment on any resolution listed on the agenda. Ed White, 1027 Orchard Avenue: Mr. White asked what was being sold per Resolution #18-44. Mayor Kappatos replied that a police vehicle was being sold. Seeing no one else wishing to speak a motion was made by Passio, seconded by Farrell that this portion of the meeting be closed. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared this portion of the meeting closed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PROCLAMATION  
70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF RUNNEMEDE**

**WHEREAS**, the GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede was chartered as a Federated Club in 1948 as part of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs for the purpose of the development of civic, cultural, charitable and social interests for the people of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Club started the Girls' Softball League and the Girls' Basketball League. The Club also sponsored the first Christmas Tree Lighting, the first Miss Runnemede Contest and the first July 4<sup>th</sup> Baby Parade. The Club raised funds and installed a full commercial kitchen in the Harry Williams Community Center. The Community Announcement sign in front of the Center was another project of the Club.

**WHEREAS**, scholarships were created for girls graduating and going to college as well as eighth grade awards for both boys and girls. For more than 60 years, we have sent rising senior girls as delegates to Girls' Career Institute to enable them to enjoy a sample of college life at Douglass



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College in New Brunswick. Club members were instrumental in starting the Butterfly Garden at Downing School. The Club sponsors an Annual Spelling Bee for children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**WHEREAS**, presently, the Club is active in promoting the NJSFWC Special State Project, Prevent Child Abuse, New Jersey. The Club continues to support the Runnemede Library, UNICEF, Operation Smile, Heifer International, The Vineland Veteran's Home, Ronald McDonald House, The Cathedral Kitchen, Veteran's Haven in Winslow and the Domestic Violence Shelter in Lakeland.

**WHEREAS**, members collected monies and in-kind donations for local no-kill shelters as part of the annual County sponsored rabies clinic. Each year the club adopts families at Christmas time and donates new toys and clothing fulfilling the wish lists of the children of each family.

**WHEREAS**, the GFWC Woman's Club of Runnemede continues to be a dynamic and thriving club. The members are looking forward to taking part in wonderful new projects as we continue to fulfill our Federation President's Theme: "Trust in the Day...Believe in the Future."

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nick Kappatos, Mayor of the Borough of Runnemede**, do hereby recognize 70 years of service and commitment of the GFWC Woman's Club to the citizens of the Borough of Runnemede; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that **I** further extend my appreciation to all members for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the community they represent.

**NICK KAPPATOS, MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION #18-44**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH  
PROPERTY THROUGH ON-LINE AUCTION, IN THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede is in possession of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Tag#MG52054 (VIN#2FAFP71W47X139356) & 1998 Ford Expedition Tag #MG33467 (VIN#1FMZU34E3WUB60793) no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Borough to auction these vehicles and equipment on Gov Deals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is authorized to execute any necessary documents to assist in this disposal of borough property.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by Ranieri, seconded by Passio the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Laubenstein, Root, & Passio. Nays: None. Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #18-45**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SIX MONTH EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT  
WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR BID A-26/2017 FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
COPY AND COMPUTER PAPER AND ENVELOPES FOR  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the contract for the purchase of copy and computer paper and envelopes in the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, be and is hereby extended for six months as provided by Bid A-26/2017, through August 31, 2018; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the presiding officer of this body be and hereby is directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said extension

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this Body and to attest to the same.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by Farrell, seconded by Laubenstein the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Laubenstein, Root, & Passio. Nays: None. Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #18-46**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY IN THE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM  
ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**(SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION)**

A motion was made by Root, seconded by Passio the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Laubenstein, Root, & Passio. Nays: None. Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #18-47**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER  
FOR LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for the reconstruction of S. Oakland Avenue & Washington Avenue Phase II; and

WHEREAS, Landberg Construction, LLC was awarded the bid; and

WHEREAS, the borough engineer has recommended change order #2 per the attached documentation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Change Order Number 2 for Landberg Construction, LLC in the amount of a decrease of \$999.47 for a new contract amount of \$234,230.75 be and is hereby approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents for such change order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment as provided by law.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**



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A motion was made by Farrell, seconded by Kelly the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Laubenstein, Root, & Passio. Nays: None. Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

**FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE #18-04**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 395-21 OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE TO REQUIRE A PRE-OPERATIONAL  
INSPECTION FOR RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

A motion was made by Laubenstein, seconded by Kelly to adopt on first reading and advertise according to law with a public hearing to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Laubenstein, Root, & Passio. Nays: None. Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the ordinance adopted on first reading.

**ORDINANCE #18-05**

**ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER 276 OF THE CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE ENTITLED "PRECIOUS METALS  
AND GEMS" IN ITS ENTIRETY**

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Ranieri to adopt on first reading and advertise according to law with a public hearing to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Laubenstein, Root, & Passio. Nays: None. Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the ordinance adopted on first reading.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Farrell, seconded by Passio, the list of bills as submitted by the clerk be approved for payment along with the monthly contractual bills when they become due. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Passio, Farrell, Laubenstein, Ranieri, Root & Kelly; Nays: None; Absent: None; Mayor Kappatos declared the bill list approved.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Seeing no one wishing to speak, a motion was made by Laubenstein, seconded by Passio to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared that portion of the meeting closed.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Passio and seconded by Laubenstein to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Attest:

  
Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk

Approved by:

  
Nick Kappatos, Mayor

**RESOLUTION #18-46**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES  
PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE,  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

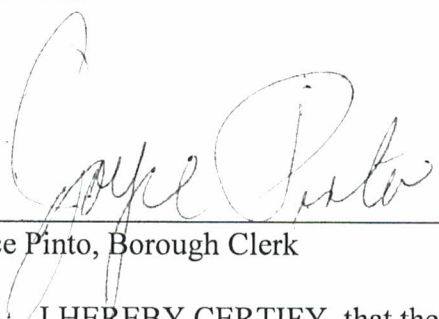
WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$39,200 with a match of fringe benefits for an approximate project total cost of \$39,200, for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant #18-0430) for the period of 11/10/17 – 11/9/18 to build bridges from grade school age through high school years that will help prevent crime, drug abuse and prevent gang violence; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede has reviewed the accompanying application and have authorized the acceptance of said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Runnemede for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Runnemede that

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Borough of Runnemede wishes to participate to fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

  
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Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk

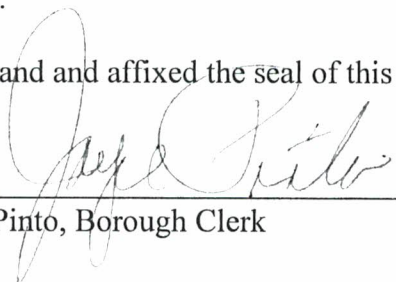
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

  
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Nick Kappatos, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, New Jersey at a meeting of said Mayor and Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Borough.

DATED: 3/6/18

  
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Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk

Adoption of Resolution

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Passio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Root	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ranieri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laubenstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**ORDINANCE #18-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER \_\_\_\_ OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, ENTITLED "COMMUNITY CAT" ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CATS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the municipality recognizes that a policy is necessary concerning cats within the community of the Borough of Runnemedede; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists the need to manage the increasing population of cats within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Runnemedede has a responsibility to protect public health and safety by managing animal control issues that are safe and humane; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Runnemedede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1. CHAPTER \_\_\_\_ "COMMUNITY CAT" ORDINANCE**

**\_\_\_\_-1. Definitions.**

**\_\_\_\_-2. General**

**\_\_\_\_-3. Responsibilities of Caregiver**

**\_\_\_\_-4. Community Cat Management Initiatives/TNR Program/Enforcement**

**\_\_\_\_-5. Ear-Tipped Community Cats**

**\_\_\_\_-6. Resolution of Complaints- Procedures**

**\_\_\_\_-1. Definitions.**

- A. Abandon- Forsake a cat entirely or neglect to provide appropriate care and support for a cat.
- B. Animal- Any live vertebrate creature including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish, but not humans.
- C. Animal Control Officer- Any person employed or appointed by the Borough who is authorized and certified to investigate violations of laws and regulations concerning animals and to issue citations in accordance with New Jersey law and this Ordinance.
- D. Animal Rescue Organization- An individual or group of individuals who, with or without salary or compensation, house, provide necessary medical care for and feed homeless or unlicensed animals in a home or facility, with the intent of placing the animals in a permanent home as soon as one becomes available.

- E. At-Large- When an animal is off the property of its owner and (i) has entered the property of another person without that owner's authorization, or (ii) has entered onto public property, street or right-of-way, unless restrained by its owner, or a caretaker, with a leash of no less than six feet in length, or other physical control device, such that the animal is under the physical control of the owner or caretaker, with a leash of no less than six feet in length, or other physical control device, such that the animal is under the physical control of the owner or caretaker. Nothing in this definition is intended to prevent dogs from being on training leashes or retractable leashes or engaging in other appropriate activities under adequate, responsible adult supervision where care is taken to assure control as need to prevent violations of this ordinance.
- F. Caregiver- Any person who provides food, water or shelter to or otherwise cares for a cat and who has been trained and registered as an approved caregiver. Any person who, in accordance with a community cat management/TNR program will work to trap, sterilize, vaccinate for rabies, ear-tip then return free-roaming cats or feral cats to the area in which they were trapped. A caregiver shall not be considered an owner of a community cat. A caregiver shall not possess, keep or harbor a community cat.
- G. Cat of Licensing Age- Any cat, which is not a community cat, reaching the age of seven months or, if age cannot be determined, a cat which possess a set of permanent adult teeth.
- H. Community Cat- Any free-roaming cat, which may or may not be feral, with a caretaker known or unknown. Community cats shall be distinguished from other cats through their ear-tip and sterilization. These cats are exempt from licensing, stray and at-large provisions of this ordinance.
- I. Community Cat Colony- A single community cat or group of community cats that congregate together outside as a unit. Any non-feral cat(s) that congregate with a colony shall be deemed part of it.
- J. Ear Tipping- The straight-line cutting of the tip of one ear of a cat, while the cat is anesthetized for spay and neuter.
- K. Nuisance- Distributing the peace by (a) habitually or continually howling, crying or screaming, or (b) the habitual and significant destruction desecration of soiling of property against the wishes of the owner of the property.



- L. Owner- Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust, estate or any other legal entity.
- M. Proper Shelter- A structure that: (1) is sufficiently ventilated and insulated to protect an animal from weather and provide refuge from precipitation, wind, extreme temperature and/or direct sunlight; and (2) is fully enclosed with walls on three sides, with a fourth wall having an entranceway large enough to allow the animal to enter and exit comfortably, but not so large as to allow all heat to escape in cold temperatures; and (3) has a solid, waterproof roof; and (4) has a solid floor that does not sag under the animal's weight; and (5) has a door or flap covering the entranceway during temperatures of 40 degrees or below; and (6) is positioned at a sufficient elevation to prevent water from running into the structure; and (7) is small enough to retain the animal's body heat in cold weather and large enough for the animal to stand, turn around and lay down in comfortably; and (8) is sturdy, structurally sound and in good repair; and (9) if it contains bedding such bedding shall be clean and dry; and (1) is surrounded by an area of at least five (5) feet that is clear of debris, feces and urine.
- N. TNR- Trap, Neuter and Return.
- O. TNVR- Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate (Rabies) and Return.
- P. TNR/TNVR Program- The Borough's program as set forth in this section pursuant to which community and stray cats are trapped, neutered or spayed, vaccinated against rabies, ear-tipped and returned to the location where they congregate.

## -2. General

- A. No person shall keep an animal on a property in a manner that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions, infestation by insects or rodents; physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans.
- B. No person shall maintain or feed any animal, domesticated or wild, in a manner that causes one or more of the following: unsanitary conditions; infestation by insects or rodents; physical conditions that endanger the health or safety of humans.
- C. Community cat colonies shall be permitted, and caregivers shall be entitled to maintain them, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this chapter.
- D. Trapping of community cats by those who are not community cat caregivers as defined in this ordinance, Animal Control Officer employed by the municipality, or members of law

enforcement, is prohibited unless the person trapping the cats is doing so for the purpose of providing medical attention for a sick or injured cat or for the purpose of TNR/TNVR. Persons who trap free-roaming cats for the purpose of TNR/TNVR must comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

E. It shall be unlawful for any person to use inhumane methods to trap cats. Traps and the trapping of cats must meet the following requirements:

1. Traps shall not be left unattended for more than two hours.
2. Traps shall not be left set overnight, unless traps are checked at least every two hours.
3. Traps shall not be left unattended for any length of time in the temperatures below 45 degrees Fahrenheit or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit; in rain or snow; or in any other extreme weather.
4. Traps utilized to capture cats shall be humane traps.
5. Any person who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$250 for each offense.

F. No owner or person having temporary custody of any animal shall permit the animal to be, or fail to provide physical control to restrain the animal from being at-large. A cat shall be considered exempt from this provision if: (a) the ear-tipped cat is part of a Community Cat Management/TNR Program in accordance with this ordinance; or (b) An ear-tipped cat, part of a TNR Program, without leash is considered walking freely and not considered an animal at-large.

G. No person may desert or abandon any animal at any public or private location. The practice of TNR and the provision of care to a community cat in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance do not constitute desertion or abandonment of the community cat. However, the placement of a cat at a community cat colony by a person other than the community cat caregiver constitutes abandonment. Any person who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$250 for each offense.

### **\_\_\_\_-3. Responsibilities of Caregiver**



- A. The caregiver shall provide community cats with sufficient food; sufficient water; proper shelter and protection from weather; veterinary care as needed to prevent suffering; and humane care and treatment.
- B. The caregiver shall exercise reasonable care to guard against the animal creating a nuisance.

**\_\_\_-4. Community Cat Management Initiatives/TNR Program/Enforcement**

- A. The Borough of Runnemede believes that the safest place for pet domesticated cats is indoors. The Borough of Runnemede also recognizes that feral and community cats, as defined in this chapter, are not, in the majority of cases, suitable to be taken indoors and kept as pets because their home is outdoors. The Borough of Runnemede further recognizes the need for innovation in addressing the issues presented by feral or community cats. To that end, the Borough of Runnemede finds that properly managed community cat colonies are part of the solution to reducing the numbers of feral cats in the Borough of Runnemede and the rate of cats euthanized in area shelters.
- B. Community Cat Colonies shall be permitted in the Borough of Runnemede as part of a community cat management/TNR Program in accordance with the following provisions.
  - 1. Community Cat Caregivers must ensure community cats are sterilized, vaccinated against the threat of rabies and ear-tipped, and must cooperate with the Borough of Runnemede to abate any nuisance.
  - 2. The location of Community Cat Colonies must be maintained in compliance with trespassing and property laws.
  - 3. To be exempt from certain provisions of this chapter all cats that are part of an approved TNR/Community Cat Program pursuant to this Chapter must be sterilized, vaccinated against the threat of rabies, and ear-tipped for easy identification. If these requirements are met the Community Cat is exempted from licensing, stray and at-large provisions of this ordinance.
- C. Community Cat Colony material, i.e. shelters, food, water, bowls, plates, and feeding stations, shall be protected from removal, but maintained in a clean fashion.
- D. An Animal Control Officer who has trapped a cat whose ear has been tipped shall release the cat unless the cat is injured or sick and requires medical attention.
- E. The Borough of Runnemede shall have the following rights.

1. The right to seize or remove cats from a colony which have not been vaccinated against rabies and which are demonstrating signs of the disease.
  2. The right to seize or remove a cat from a colony which is creating a nuisance as defined in this ordinance, after the community cat caregiver has been given 60 days to abate the nuisance or removed and relocate the cat and failed to do so.
  3. The right to seize or remove a cat or colony of cats when the community caregiver regularly fails to comply with the colony care requirements of this chapter and the caregiver has not been able to obtain a replacement or substitute caregiver within 30 days of the Borough of Runnemede or Animal Control Officer having given notice to the caregiver. If one or more cats are in danger due to a caregiver's lack of compliance, the caregiver or owner may work with other local caregivers to find a suitable replacement caregiver or relocate the cats.
- F. The Borough of Runnemede may utilize funds derived from cat licensing fees to pay for spay/neuter and vaccination of cats in the TNR program.

**\_\_\_-5. Ear-Tipped Community Cats**

- A. An Animal Control Officer who has trapped a cat whose left ear has been tipped or which bears some other distinguishing mark indicating that it belongs to a Community Cat Colony shall transport the cat to the contract municipal shelter, where the cat will be scanned for a microchip. If a registered microchip is found, the registered owner or caregiver will be contacted and advised that the cat is located at the municipal shelter.
- B. The owner or caregiver shall be responsible for retrieving the cat from the municipal shelter within ten business days or advising the shelter if the owner or caregiver does not intend to retrieve the cat. If no identification, microchip or information of caregiver is available to receiving shelter at the minimum of stray hold period of seven days; then it is at the sole discretion of the receiving shelter to determine the outcome of the cat retrieved which may include transfer, euthanasia, foster care, and/or adoption.
- C. If a trapped community cat is suspected of being rabid, the animal shall be immediately reported to the executive officer of the local board of health and to the Department of Health and Senior Services, and shall be quarantined, observed and otherwise handled and dealt with as appropriate for an animal suspected of being rabid or as required by the Department of Health and Senior Services for such animals.



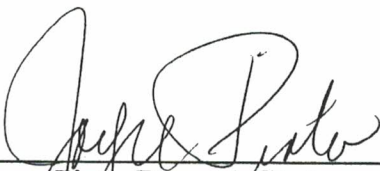
## -6. Resolution of Complaints- Procedures

- A. The requirements of this article notwithstanding, Animal Control Officers and police officers may investigate any nuisance complaint. If an Animal Control Officer determines that an ear-tipped community cat is causing a nuisance as defined by this article, the Animal Control Officer or police officer shall attempt to contact the caregiver or owner. The caregiver or owner shall begin nuisance abatement procedures within 48 hours and make all reasonable efforts to resolve the nuisance as quickly as possible, not to exceed 60 days. If an Animal Control Officer removes a community cat, the receiving municipal shelter or animal control must notify the community cat caregiver and allow the caregiver to retrieve the cat from the pound for adoption or relocation. If an animal control officer or police officer reasonably determines that a cat is injured or poses a significant threat to public health, the officer may reduce the time that the owner or caregiver has to resolve the complaint, as necessary to protect the cat and public health, before taking further action. In the case of an emergency, the Animal Control Officer or police officer may remove the cat, but within 24 hours the Animal Control Officer must provide the caregiver or owner with notice of the cat's whereabouts and allow the caregiver or owner an opportunity to retrieve the cat for treatment, return or relocation.
- B. Facts to be considered during the nuisance abatement process shall include: (a) recognition of the value of wildlife; (b) recognition of the value of TNR in managing community cat colonies; and (c) the availability of devices and strategies to minimize nuisance behavior by community cats that may have caused the complaint.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, subsection or part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, each section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take affect after adoption and final publication as required by law.

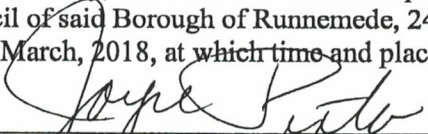
  
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BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

  
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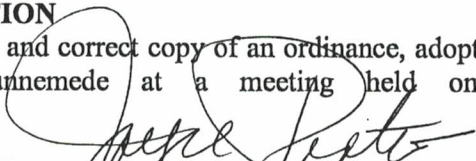
NOTICE

The above ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a meeting of the Borough Council of said Borough of Runnemede, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, New Jersey, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, at which time and place all persons interested will be heard.

  
Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk  
Upon First Reading

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance, adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede at a meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

  
Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk  
Upon Final Reading

Passed on First Reading					Adopted on Second Reading			
Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kelly	✓				✓			
Laubenstein				✓	✓			
Passio	✓				✓			
Root	✓				✓			
Farrell	✓				✓			
Ranieri	✓				✓			











Vendor # Name	PO # PO Date Description	Contract	PO Type	Charge Account	Acct Type Description	Stat/Chk	First Rcvd	Chk/Void	Invoice	1099
Item Description	Amount						Enc Date Date	Date		Excl

USAMOBIL SPOK, INC.

18-00102 01/19/18 Monthly Pager	2.29	B	8-01-31-440-000	B TELEPHONE OE	R	01/19/18	03/05/18	MARCH		N
4 PAGER -MARCH										

18-00113 01/19/18 PAGER SEWER DEPT - MONTHLY	24.78	B	8-07-50-500-518	B SEWER Telephone	R	01/19/18	03/05/18	MARCH		N
4 PAGER SEWER DEPT -MARCH										

Vendor Total: 27.07

TIRE C50 TIRE CORRAL

18-00262 02/27/18 Squad75/Flat Tire Repair	56.95		8-01-26-315-234	B VEHICLE MAINT Fire Department	R	02/27/18	03/06/18	2017633		N
1 Squad75/Flat Tire/Emergency RP										

Vendor Total: 56.95

ARCHIVES TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

18-00284 03/01/18 2018 STORAGE FEES MICROFILM	25.00		8-01-20-120-299	B CLERK Miscellaneous	R	03/01/18	03/06/18	2018		N
1 2018 STORAGE FEES MICROFILM										

Vendor Total: 25.00

USBAN005 US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE

18-00247 02/22/18 OFFICE COPIER LEASE	199.00	B	8-01-20-100-236	B ADMIN Supplies & Equipment	R	02/22/18	03/06/18	351444104		N
3 OFFICE COPIER LEASE 2/17-3/17										

Vendor Total: 199.00

VCI EM50 VCI EMERG VEHICLE SPECIALISTS

18-00269 02/27/18 P/M for BLS 787	228.81		8-01-26-315-234	B VEHICLE MAINT Fire Department	R	02/27/18	03/06/18	0101757		N
1 P/M for BLS 787										

18-00272 02/27/18 EM Repair/Rear Bumper/PM SVC

1 EM Repair/Rear Bumper/PM SVC	789.99		8-01-26-315-234	B VEHICLE MAINT Fire Department	R	02/27/18	03/06/18	0101789		N
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Vendor Total: 1,018.80



Vendor # Name		PO Date	Description	Contract	PO Type	Amount	Charge Account	Acct Type	Description	Stat/Chk	First	Rcvd	Chk/Void	Invoice	1099
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VERIZON WIRELESS															
18-00086	01/19/18 Monthly Cell Phones				B										
3 Cell Phones Boro -FEBRUARY		604.42	8-01-31-440-000	B TELEPHONE OE		R		01/19/18	03/06/18				9802471850		N
Vendor Total:		604.42													
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC															
18-00266	02/27/18 EMS House Bag														
1 EMS House Bag		195.00	8-01-25-261-236	B EMT SERVICE Supplies & Equip.		R		02/27/18	03/06/18				1840493		N
2 Shipping		9.80	8-01-25-261-236	B EMT SERVICE Supplies & Equip.		R		02/27/18	03/06/18				1840493		N
Vendor Total:		204.80													
XEROX CORPORATION															
18-00083	01/19/18 RENTAL/COPIES BORO CLERK			B											
5 COPIER LEASE PD 1/21/18-2/21/1		182.01	8-01-25-240-299	B POLICE Miscellaneous		R		01/19/18	03/06/18				092317613		N
6 COPIER LEASE CLERK 1/21/18-2/2		188.14	8-01-20-100-299	B ADMIN Miscellaneous		R		01/19/18	03/06/18				092317612		N
Vendor Total:		370.15													
Total Purchase Orders:		28	Total P.O. Line Items:		33	Total List Amount:		26,072.34	Total Void Amount:		0.00				

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	8-01	25,084.43	0.00	0.00	25,084.43
SEWER OPERATING FUND	8-07	865.51	0.00	0.00	865.51
	Year Total:	25,949.94	0.00	0.00	25,949.94
DOG TRUST FUND	T-03	122.40	0.00	0.00	122.40
Total of All Funds:		26,072.34	0.00	0.00	26,072.34