

ORDINANCE NO 09-2026

**BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE
REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE OF A
“POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG” LICENSE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of August 14, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held in the Borough Hall, in the Borough of Stratford on the 9th day of September 2026 at 6:30 PM. Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk’s Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This amendment adds a new section to the Borough Code establishing a Potentially Dangerous Dog License consistent with N.J.S.A. 4:19-23 et seq. The change is required to ensure Stratford Borough has a clear, enforceable process for licensing any dog formally designated as potentially dangerous by the Municipal Court.

The amendment incorporates all statutory requirements, including mandatory compliance inspections, secure enclosure standards, warning signage, permanent identification, and liability insurance. It also establishes the state-authorized maximum annual license fee of \$150, as permitted under N.J.S.A. 4:19-31, in addition to administrative fees; and requires issuance of a distinctive red identification tag to differentiate these dogs from standard licensed pets.

This addition strengthens public safety, aligns Borough procedures with State law, and provides a clear administrative framework for the Clerk, Animal Control Officer, and Municipal Court when managing potentially dangerous dog cases.

Attest:
Michelle Hack, RMC
Borough Clerk