

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 ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the aforementioned Ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading, by title only, at a meeting of the Stratford Governing Body, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on August 13, 2026 and the same Ordinance was duly noticed.

The same Ordinance was further adopted after a second reading by title only, after a public hearing during a meeting of the Stratford Governing Body to be held on September 9, 2026 commencing at 6:30 pm, prevailing time.

All persons interested can view a full copy of the Ordinances from the Office of the Borough Clerk of Stratford.

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