

**ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 151 – DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS --
§151-20 – UNREASONABLE BARKING AND HOWLING PROHIBITED
O-26-14**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin seeks to amend the Township Code, specifically Chapter 151 Dogs and Other Animals, §151-20 Unreasonable barking and howling prohibited; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that the codified Ordinance of the Township of Franklin shall be amended to state as follows in 151 Dogs and Other Animals, §151-20 Unreasonable barking and howling prohibited:

No person who owns, harbors or possesses any dog or dogs shall suffer or permit such dog or dogs to annoy neighbors and other persons living within his immediate vicinity by barking and howling continuously for 30 minutes or more, and whenever complaint shall be made in writing, under oath, by persons owning property within the Township of Franklin and living within hearing distance of such dog (at least one of which property owners shall not have an interest in the same property as the other or others), setting forth that such barking or howling is continued for unreasonable periods for three or more consecutive days or nights, to the annoyance and discomfort of the complainants and their neighbors and families, so that it can be established that such barking and howling is a nuisance to the immediate neighborhood, then and in such case, said owner shall cause said barking and howling to cease and terminate immediately, and if such barking and howling shall again occur, regardless of its duration, the provisions of this article shall be deemed to have been violated, and the owner shall pay such penalty as may be imposed therefor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, sentence, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of the competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not effect or impair any other section, sentence, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, adoption and publication provided by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on July 22, 2014 and will be read and considered for final passage at a meeting to be held by the Franklin Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1571 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, New Jersey 08322 at 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2014 at which time and place any and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Attest:

Township of Franklin

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

Edward Leopardi, Mayor

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance O-26-14 was finally adopted at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on the August 26, 2014 at 7:00 in the Township of Franklin Municipal Building, 1571 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ.

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Genna				
Mr. Deegan				
Mrs. Neely				
Mr. Gonzalez				
Mayor Leopardi				