(INSERT MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE)

PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION

[insert municipality] has adopted and enforces an ordinance that requires immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposited on any property not owned or possessed by the pet owner or keeper. [insert municipality page/hotlink] [Township can insert any other specific requirement to their ordinance].

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey.

Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swimming, boating and fishing in these water bodies.

Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections.

In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life in the area. Such nutrient pollution also causes waters to become cloudy and green.

Proper Pet Waste Disposal

Flush it down the toilet.

But do not flush bags, debris, or nonbiodegradable items

OR

Put it in the trash.

THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO KEEP NEW JERSEY'S WATERS CLEAN

For More Info

- See the Pet Waste Ordinance [insert municipal page/hotlink]
- NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation https://dep.nj.gov/njpdes-stormwater/municipal-stormwater-regulation-program/example-ordinances/
- EPA- Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution https://www.epa.gov/nps