## ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2024 AN ORDINANCE OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, LUZERNE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3

WHEREAS, Newport Township adopted Ordinance No. 2018-3, which adopted the Quality of Life and Violations Ticket Process within Township limits and sets forth penalties for any violation thereof;

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend Ordinance No. 2018-3;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Commissioners of the Newport Township as follows:

## Section 1. Definitions.

FERAL CAT — Any homeless, wild or untamed cat.

STRAY CAT — Any cat whose owner or keeper from time to time allows the cat to run free off the property of the owner or keeper.

## Section 2. Quality of Life violations is hereby amended to include the following:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to feed feral or stray cats, as feeding feral or stray cats creates a condition contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- B. Any person feeding feral or stray cats can only do so if said person is cooperating with any humane program sponsored by the Township or operating under the Township's auspices that traps feral or stray cats for the purpose of spaying/neutering the cats, immunizing the cats from rabies, "tipping" the cat's left ear and then returning the cat to its environment in the general vicinity in which it was trapped. Any feeding of a feral or stray cat pursuant to a humane program sponsored by the Township must be done on the. person's property and not public property. It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy said traps or to release any cats which have been captured pursuant to the Township's program.

## Section 3. Violations and penalties.

Any person failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, together with any/all collection costs (if necessary).

Any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Newport Township on this  $3^{\rm rd}$  day of June 2024.

Joseph Hillan

Secretary

Paul Czapracki

President, Board o Commissioners