**BOROUGH OF HELLERTOWN**

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 825**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HELLERTOWN, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.: 517 AND 714 DEFINITIONS OF PARKS TO PERMIT LEASHED PETS IN THE PARK.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hellertown, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of Hellertown, Northampton County Pennsylvania, deem it to be in the best interest and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Borough to prohibit or permit certain activities within Borough parks to ensure the health, safety and welfare of park patrons; and

WHEREAS, the Borough parks has been utilized by individuals who bring their pets. On occasion dogs have been on Borough park property without a leash; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes allowing dogs to be on Borough property without a leash could lead to injury to other patrons and/or their animals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough deem it to be in the public interest to regulate the use of its parks and that said does not lead to injury to ensure the general well-being of individuals who utilize the Borough park system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the authority under the Borough Code 8 Pa. C.S.A. 1202 to pass legislation to protect the health, safety and welfare of individual’s who utilize the park system.

Section 1. Section 6 of Ordinance 576 as amended by Ordinance 613 amending Section 6 of Part G, Chapter XVII entitled “Prohibited Acts in Park System” shall be modified by adding the below underlined language and deleting the crossed out language.

G. Allow any animal on the athletic field during any athletic event. Animals shall be permitted in Borough parks in the absence of an athletic event. Any animal in any Borough recreation area shall be leashed at all times. ~~or to bring any animal into any recreation area or to allow any animal to remain in any recreation area at any time.~~

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable; and any part hereof shall be held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court, such decision shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this day of , 2018.

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF HELLERTOWN

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Secretary Thomas Rieger

President of Borough Council

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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MAYOR