

1 CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

2  
3 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA,  
5 AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ANIMALS AND FOWL, SECTION  
6 6-80 - DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 6-88 SALE OR  
7 TRANSFER OF DOGS AND CATS OF THE CITY OF  
8 MARGATE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR  
9 LIMITATIONS OF HOBBY BREEDERS; PROVIDING FOR  
10 CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
11 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN  
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
16 MARGATE, FLORIDA:

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18 **Section 1:** Chapter 6 ANIMALS AND FOWL, Section 6-  
19 80 Definitions, of the City of Margate Code of Ordinances,  
20 be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 **Sec. 6-80. Definitions.**

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24 (g) Hobby breeder shall mean any person or entity who  
25 intentionally or un-intentionally causes or allows the  
26 breeding or studing of a cat or dog of up to one (1)  
27 ~~two (2)~~ litters per household or premises during a  
28 consecutive twelve-month period whether or not such  
29 animals were made available for sale, adoption or other  
30 placement.

31 (h) Kennel shall mean any establishment for the raising,  
32 training, boarding or selling of dogs, cats, birds,  
33 mice, rats, or other small animals for hire or profit,  
34 or where more than four (4) dogs or cats are harbored  
35 or kept over four (4) months of age, as allowed by the  
36 applicable zoning regulations of the City of Margate.  
37 "Kennel" shall not include any humane society, animal  
38 protection agency, veterinarian clinic, or hobby  
39 breeder. "Kennel" shall also include any person or  
40 establishment that intentionally or un-intentionally  
41 causes or allows the breeding or studing of a cat or

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1 dog of two (2) ~~three (3)~~ or more litters of dogs or  
2 cats per household or premises during a consecutive  
3 twelve-month period whether or not such animals were  
4 made available for sale, adoption or other placement.

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6 **[Note to Municipal Code: The rest of this section shall**  
7 **remain as codified.]**

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9 **Section 2:** Chapter 6 ANIMALS AND FOWL, Section 6-88  
10 Sale or transfer of dogs and/or cats, of the City of Margate  
11 Code of Ordinances, be, and the same is hereby amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 **Sec. 6-88. Sale or transfer of dogs and/or cats.**

14 . . . .  
15 (a) No pet store shall display, sell, trade, deliver,  
16 barter, lease, rent, auction, give away, transfer,  
17 offer for sale or transfer, or otherwise dispose of  
18 dogs or cats in the City of Margate, on or after  
19 October 2, 2013 ~~the effective date of Ordinance No.~~  
20 ~~1500.603.~~

21 (1) Exemptions. This section, except for [subsection] (b)  
22 certificate of source, does not apply to:

23 ~~a. A hobby breeder;~~

24 ab. A publicly operated animal control facility or  
25 animal shelter;

26 be. A private, charitable, nonprofit humane society or  
27 animal rescue organization;

28 ce. A publicly operated animal control agency,  
29 nonprofit humane society, or nonprofit animal  
30 rescue organization that operates out of or in  
31 connection with a pet store; or

32 de. Pet stores that:

- 33 1. Possessed an active City of Margate local  
34 business tax receipt on or before the  
35 effective date of Ordinance No. 1500.603; and

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2. Demonstrates through receipts and customer identification that they have sold dogs or cats within three (3) months prior to the effective date of ~~Ordinance No. 1500.603~~ October 2, 2013.

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**[Note to Municipal Code: The rest of this section shall remain as codified.]**

**SECTION 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4:** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5:** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Margate Code, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption at its second reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 6TH day of MAY 2026.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS 3RD day of JUNE 2026.

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER M. JOHNSON  
CITY CLERK

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ANTONIO V. ARSERIO  
MAYOR

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RECORD OF VOTE - 1ST READING      RECORD OF VOTE - 2ND READING

Schwartz	<u>YES</u>	Schwartz	_____
Simone	<u>YES</u>	Simone	_____
Ruzzano	<u>YES</u>	Ruzzano	_____
Caggiano	<u>YES</u>	Caggiano	_____
Arserio	<u>YES</u>	Arserio	_____

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