resolution no. 97-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, OFFERING TRAPS TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS FOR THE CAPTURE AND REMOVAL OF VERMIN AND ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR SAID SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, recognizes an increase in the local population of vermin such as raccoons, skunks and opossums; and

WHEREAS, vermin are a danger to the health, safety and welfare of Township residents in that they spread disease such as rabies, spread garbage and infiltrate the public roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Commissioners will purchase six traps which shall be offered for use by Township residents for the capture of vermin; and

WHEREAS, any resident requesting a trap shall be permitted to use it on a first come first served basis for a continuous period of seven (7) days at a time. At the conclusion of seven days, or earlier if the resident so chooses, the trap shall be returned in the same condition in which it was received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Commissioners, in addition to offering traps, and because captured vermin can be very dangerous, desire to offer removal services for captured vermin at a fee of \$15.00 per animal; and

WHEREAS, anyone utilizing a trap will be required to place a deposit with the Township on said trap in the amount of \$50.00 from which any fee for removal of animals or damage to the trap shall be deducted by the Township. The entire deposit shall be forfeited if the trap is not returned in seven days. However, if no animals are removed from said trap and the trap returned in good condition, the entire deposit shall be refunded to the resident.

ENACTED this __/2 day of <u>August</u>, 1997.

Township Manager

Board of Commissioners