

ORDINANCE NO. 107-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, SECTIONS 505.03, 505.05, 505.17, 505.23, 505.31 AND 505.33, AND REPEAL SECTION 505.39 THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, Sections 505.03, 505.05, 505.17, 505.23, 505.31 AND 505.33 be amended in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg be and is hereby attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, Section 505.39 is hereby repealed as is hereby attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. That upon adoption by Council, this ordinance shall be in effect thirty days following the signature by the Mayor.


Passed this 23rd day of September, 2019.



Doug Joseph, President of Council

ATTEST: 

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: 

Bradley E. McCloud, Mayor

DATE 9/25/19

505.03 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(a) No person being the owner, as defined in Section 501.01(g), of an animal or animals shall permit them to run or traverse at large upon any public place, upon any unenclosed lands, or upon the premises of another without the consent of the owner of such property within the Municipality.

(b) A dog shall not be considered to be running at large if under the reasonable control of some person.

(c) The running at large of any such animal in or upon any of the places mentioned in this section is prima-facie evidence that it is running or traversing at large in violation of this section.

(d) No owner of any dog shall permit the animal to enter upon any property that is not of his owner, when it is not securely leashed. The leash securing the animal shall not be longer than six feet in length. The leash shall be controlled by a person that is physically capable of preventing the animal from entering private property and/or making physical contact with another animal or person, so long as such contact is not initiated by another animal or person.

(e) An animal may be confined by an underground fence or any similar device. This is defined as a buried wire, which gives a slight electrical charge when activated by a special collar worn by the animal which is to be confined. Such underground fence shall not allow the animal to move closer than ten (10) feet from the sidewalk or property line. This section shall not apply to any owner, who at the time of the passage of this ordinance, has in place a non-conforming underground fence.

(f) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of violating this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor in the fourth degree, and if the offender has two or more violations of this section within one year, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor in the third degree.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03; Ord. 48-13. Passed 7-1-13.)

505.05 IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION; RECORDS.

(c) A police officer or animal warden may impound every animal or dog within the Municipality found in violation of Section 505.03. Any dog or animal impounded shall not be released except upon the payment of reasonable expenses for its taking and keeping. Any dog or animal not redeemed within three days of the time it is seized or impounded may be sold or otherwise disposed of as provided by Ohio R.C. 955.16.

(d) Impounded Dog.

- (1) If an impounded dog is not wearing a valid registration tag, the dog shall forthwith be turned over to an officer charged by law with the custody and disposal of such dogs.

- (2) If feasible, the dog should be checked for identification by means of a microchip.
- (3) If the dog is wearing a valid registration tag or the identity of the owner, keeper, or harbinger is otherwise established, notice shall immediately be given to such owner, keeper, or harbinger that the dog has been impounded. Notice may be by telephone or by ordinary mail to the last known address of such owner, keeper, or harbinger.
- (4) A record of all dogs impounded, the disposition of the same, the owner's name and address, if known, and a statement of any costs or receipts involving such dog shall be kept.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03.)

505.17 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall keep or harbor any animal or fowl within the Municipality so as to create noxious or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort, or safety of the public.

(b) Any animal, which destroys or damages any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building, or other property other than property of its owner or person in charge or control of such animal by scratching, digging, running loose, defecating or urinating, or otherwise injures property of others as described above, is hereby declared a nuisance.

(c) Any person being the owner of or in charge or control of any animal shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such animal from another person's property including public parks or other public property. The responsible person in charge or control of such animal shall immediately dispose of same in a sanitary manner.

(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor; however, if within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of violating this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender has two or more violations of this section within one year, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor in the third degree.

(e) If the offender has two or more violations of this section within one year, the animal may be seized and removed from the City.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03.)

505.23 ANIMAL BITES; REPORTS AND QUARANTINE.

- (a) (1) Whenever any person is bitten by a dog or other animal, a report of such bite shall be made to the applicable county Health Commissioner within twenty-four hours. The dog or other animal inflicting a bite shall immediately be examined by a qualified veterinarian and results of such examination shall be reported to the Health Commissioner within twenty-four hours. At the direction of the Health Commissioner, the dog or other animal shall either be confined by its owner or harborer to his premises away from the public at large or be placed under supervision of a veterinarian at the owner's or harborer's expense. The isolation or observation period shall not be less than ten days from the date the person was bitten, at which time a report of the condition of the animal shall be made to the Health Commissioner.
- (2) No person shall fail to comply with the requirements of this section or with any order of the Health Commissioner made pursuant thereto, nor fail to immediately report to the Health Commissioner any symptoms or behaviors suggestive of rabies.
- (b) No owner, keeper, or harborer of any dog, cat, or ferret shall fail to have same animal vaccinated against rabies, nor shall any animal impounded by the City be released until proof is shown that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies.
- (c) No owner, keeper or harborer of a dangerous dog or other dangerous animal, as defined in 505.01(b), shall fail to report any incident of dog or animal bite within one hour to the City animal control officer, the City Police Department or the County Board of Health.
- (d) Whoever violates divisions (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Whoever violates division (c) is guilty of a misdemeanor in the fourth degree.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03.)

505.31 MARKETING WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS.

- (a) No person shall market in any form, wholesale or retail, any vicious, dangerous, wild, or exotic animals within the municipality.
- (b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor in the second degree. Each day such section is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03.)

505.33 KEEPING WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS.

(a) No person shall own or harbor any wild or exotic animal or animal within the municipality unless otherwise permitted under Ohio law.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor in the second degree. Each day such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03.)