

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 505.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND CHARGES THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Ordained by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Ohio:

Section 1: Section 505.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Richfield is amended to read as follows:

505.02 IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION; RECORDS.

(a) The Dog Warden or Police Department may impound any dog found not conforming to the standards of Sections 505.01, 505.03, 505.08, 505.12 or 505.13. The Dog Warden or Police Department shall deliver the dog forthwith to an officer charged by Law with the custody and disposal of such dog. If such dog is wearing a valid dog license tag or the identity of the owner or custodian is otherwise established, the Dog Warden or Police Department shall immediately give notice by phone or mail to the licensee, owner or custodian that the dog has been impounded. No dog shall be released except upon payment subject to subsection (c).

(b) The period of impounding shall be seventy-two hours. Should the owner or person in charge or control of the impounded dog not be determined within the seventy-two hour period, or should the owner or person in charge or control of the impounded dog or dogs, after being notified of the impounding fail to claim such dog within forty-eight hours of such notification, the Dog Warden or Police shall dispose of the impounded dog or dogs.

(c) Any dog impounded may be reclaimed upon payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) by the owner or person in charge or control to the Dog Warden, plus a charge of \$4 for each day the dog has been impounded.

(d) For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this chapter and to enforce its provisions, the Dog Warden, or any police officer is empowered to enter upon any premises upon which a dog is kept or harbored and to demand the exhibition of such dog or the license for such dog by the owner or person in charge or control of such dog. The Dog Warden may enter the premises where any dog is kept in a reportedly cruel or inhumane manner and demand to examine such dog and to take possession of such dog when, in his opinion, it requires humane treatment.

(e) Whoever interferes with, hinders or molests the Dog Warden in the performance of his duties or seeks to release any dog in the custody of the Warden except as provided in this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(f) The Dog Warden shall keep or cause to be kept accurate and detailed records of the registration, impoundment and disposition of all

dogs coming into his custody, and of the dog bite cases reported to him and the investigation thereof.

Section 2: Existing Section 505.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Richfield is hereby repealed.

Section 3: This Ordinance is determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety for the reason to provide a proper system and provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed, it shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided by law.

Passed:

1/2/85

Don R. Hler
President of Council

E. June Fisher
Mayor

Dated: 1-2-85

Attest:

Therese M. Kelley
Clerk of Council