

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 505.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO DECLARE ANIMAL DEFECATION ON CERTAIN LANDS TO BE A NUISANCE AND REQUIRING THE CLEANING AND REMOVAL OF ANIMAL DEFECATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council finds and declares that animal defecation upon public land and upon private land other than the land where the owner or person in charge of the animal resides constitutes a nuisance harmful to the health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to clearly prohibit animal defecation in said circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That existing Section 505.16 of the Codified Ordinances, Defecation as a Nuisance, be and hereby is enacted to read as follows:

"505.16 DEFECATION AS A NUISANCE.

(A) No person being the owner or in charge or control of any animal shall permit such animal to defecate upon any public land or any private land other than the land where the owner or person in charge of such animals resides.

(B) The owner or person in charge or control of any animal which defecates on any such prohibited land shall immediately clean such and cause its removal to a proper receptacle.

(C) The owner or person in charge of any animal shall keep the property where he resides in a clean and sanitary condition by regularly removing the defecation of his animal to prevent accumulations.

(D) The defecation of any animal is hereby declared to be a nuisance, creating an unsanitary and unhealthful condition, causing an accumulation of insects and bacteria, and in violation of the regulations of this section, is hereby declared to be unlawful and a misdemeanor.

(E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor."

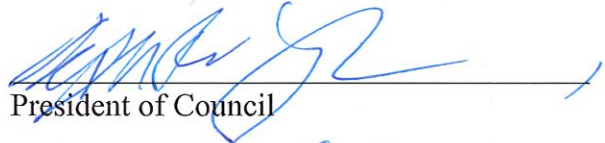
SECTION 2. That any ordinance in conflict with Section 1 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees or subcommittees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the Village, and for the further reason that it is necessary for the Village to immediately begin to take action to abate the nuisance conditions caused by animal defecation, and as such this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 10-7-25



President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 10/7/2025

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council