

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 505.01, 505.08 AND 505.09 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE PERTAINING TO NUISANCE ANIMALS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Sections 505.01, 505.08 and 505.09 of the General Offenses Code be, and the same hereby are amended to read as follows:

“505.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(a) through (e) * * *

(f) (1) and (2) * * *

(3) Should the animal owner fail to comply with section (f)(2), after the court issues such order, the court shall order the animal to be permanently removed from the municipality and/or order the animal forfeit should the owner fail to comply with the order of the court.

(4) Should the animal owner fail to comply with the order of the court to permanently remove said animal from the municipality, the owner shall be guilty of contempt and additionally shall be fined an amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

505.08 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED.

(a) * * *

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for a second offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree for each subsequent offense.

(c) Should the animal become a repeat offender (four or more violations), the court shall order said animal to be permanently removed from the municipality and/or order the animal forfeit should the animal owner fail to comply with the order of the court.

(d) Should the animal owner fail to comply with the order of court to permanently remove said animal from the municipality, the owner shall be guilty of contempt and additionally shall be fined an amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

505.09 BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS.

(a) * * *

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for a second offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree for each subsequent offense.

(c) Should the animal become a repeat offender (four or more violations), the court shall order said animal to be permanently removed from the municipality and/or order the animal forfeit should the animal owner fail to comply with the order of the court.

(d) Should the animal owner fail to comply with the order of the court to permanently remove said animal from the municipality, the owner shall be guilty of contempt and shall additionally be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

SECTION 2. That Sections 505.01, 505.08 and 505.09 of the General Offenses Code, as they existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

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

PASSED: October 21, 2003



President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 10/22/2003

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council