

AN ORDINANCE SETTING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ALL PERSONS COMING INTO CONTACT WITH ANY POLICE DOGS WORKING FOR, OWNED OR USED BY THE RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, with the affiliation of a Canine Unit, the Village of Richfield has embarked upon a new era of crime enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to establish norms of conduct for the general public when dealing with this dog.

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

- SECTION 1. That no person shall taunt, tease, torment, beat, strike, torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison or kill any dog used by the Police Department of the Village of Richfield in the performance of the functions or duties of the Police Department, whether or not such dog is performing duties at the time of the offense.
- SECTION 2. No person shall interfere with or meddle with any dog used by the Police Department of the Village of Richfield during the course of activities being performed on behalf of the Police Department.
- SECTION 3. Whoever is convicted of a violation of Sections 1 or 2 hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000.00 and imprisonment of up to six (6) months, or both.
- SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to assist the safety forces of the Village; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor;

otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 3-7-95

Patricia Healey  
President of Council

[Signature]  
Mayor

Dated: 3/7/95

ATTEST:

Connie Moore  
Clerk of Council