

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, SECTION 505.37 DANGEROUS DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS AND TO ADD SECTION 505.13 TETHERING ANIMALS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR 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, Section 505.37 Dangerous Dogs and other Animals be amended in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg be and is hereby attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. That Section 505.13 Tethering Animals be added to Chapter 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg.

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

Passed this 27th day of January, 2020.



Leandra Jenkins, Council President

ATTEST: 

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: 

Joseph Begeny, Mayor

DATE 1-28-2020

505.13 TETHERING ANIMALS.

(a) No person shall tether an animal in any of the following circumstances:

(1) For more than six (6) hours total in a twenty-four (24) hour period and not more than two (2) unsupervised consecutive hours with no less than a one (1) hour period between tetherings;

(2) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. other than short, not to exceed 20 minutes, periods;

(3) When a heat or cold advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or the National Weather Service;

(4) When a severe weather warning has been issued by a local or state authority or the National Weather Service;

(5) When the tether is less than ten (10) feet in length;

(6) When the tether allows the animal to come within fifteen (15) feet of a sidewalk or otherwise within ten (10) feet of a property line;

(7) When the tether is attached by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, of choke-type collar or if the collar is unsafe or is not properly fitted;

(8) When the tether may cause injury or entanglement;

(9) When the tether is made of a material that is unsuitable for the animal's size and weight or that causes any unnecessary discomfort to the animal;

(10) When no owner or occupant is present at the premises;

(b) As used in this section, "tether" means a rope, chain, cord, dog run or pulley, or similar restraint for holding an animal in place, allowing a radius in which it can move about.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the first degree on the third or any subsequent offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing penalties, if an animal becomes sick or injured as a result of this section, then whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

505.37 DANGEROUS DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS; PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; IMPOUNDING.

(a) In addition to registration of a dog as required by Section 505.07 and Ohio R.C. Sections 955.03 and 955.09, the owner, keeper or harbinger of a dangerous dog as

defined in 505.01(b) shall pay a permit fee to own, keep or harbor a dangerous dog to the City of Reynoldsburg and obtain the permit from the Chief of Police at a cost set in the City's fee schedule for such permit in addition to the payment of any fee for registration of the dog as required by the Ohio Revised Code and these Codified Ordinances.

(1) The owner, keeper, or harbinger of such dangerous dog shall pay for the permit at the Reynoldsburg City Auditor's Office and receive a receipt. The receipt shall be presented to the Chief of Police in order to obtain a permit.

(b) (1) The permit to own, keep or harbor a dangerous dog shall be valid only during the calendar year in which the permit is issued, and during the first twenty (20) days of the following calendar year.

(2) The permit fee for any dangerous dog is set in the City's fee schedule if purchased prior to July 1st of any calendar year. If the permit is purchased on or after July 1st of any calendar year, the permit fee is half the rate set in the City's fee schedule.

(c) No owner, keeper or harbinger of a dangerous dog, as defined in section 505.01(b), shall fail to publicly display a sign on the premises where the dangerous dog is kept or harbored that notifies the public of the presence of a dangerous dog on the property of the owner, keeper or harbinger. The owner, keeper or harbinger of the dog shall provide such sign which shall contain, in lettering that is at least two inches in height, the statement "caution, beware of dangerous dog" or other statement that provides reasonable notice of the presence of a dangerous dog on the premises.

(d) No person shall own, keep, or harbor any dangerous dog, as defined in section 505.01 (b) without registering and obtaining a permit as required in divisions (a) and (b) of this section for such dangerous dog.

(e) Any owner, keeper or harbinger of any dangerous dog as defined in division 505.01(b), shall provide satisfactory evidence of the fact that the dangerous dog has been neutered or spayed.

(f) Any owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dangerous dog as defined in division 505.01(b), shall provide satisfactory evidence of the fact that the dog has been permanently identified by means of a microchip and the dog's microchip number.

(g) Whoever violates division (c), (d), (e) or (f) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and the animal control officer shall seize and impound the dangerous dog in the municipality, pursuant to Ohio R.C. 955.22(A) to (D), until such time as the owner, keeper or harbinger of the dangerous dog demonstrates compliance with Ohio R.C. 955.22(A) to (D). If the owner does not comply with the provisions of Ohio R.C. 955.22(A) to (D) within three (3) days of such seizure, then the dangerous dog shall be humanely destroyed.

(h) No owner, keeper or harbinger of a dangerous dog as defined in division 505.01(b) shall fail to report to the city animal control officer or a police officer the theft or loss of a dangerous dog within five (5) hours of the discovery of the theft or loss.

(i) Whoever violates division (h) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(Ord. 76-96. Passed 6-10-96; Ord. 77-01. Passed 6-25-01; Ord. 72-03. Passed 9-8-03.)