

ORDINANCE 6-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, BY AMENDING SECTION 505.01 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, feral cats have become an increasing presence in the city of New Philadelphia; and if not appropriately addressed a health hazard could be created; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance changes will assist in helping to control the feral cat population within the City and allow improvement in the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of New Philadelphia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Codified Ordinance Chapter 505.01 is amended to include new sections (c)(d)(e) and shall read as follows:

(c) The owner, keeper or harborer of every cat shall at all times keep said cat, regardless of whether such animal is wearing a registration tag, either confined upon the premises of the owner or keeper, or upon a leash and in reasonable control of the owner, keeper or harborer. This provision shall expressly prohibit an owner, keeper or harborer of any cat from allowing said animal to enter upon the property of another, or upon public property, unless properly restrained by a leash.

(d) The running at large of any such animal in or upon any of the places mentioned in this section is prima-facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this section.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for a first offense and a misdemeanor of the first degree for each subsequent offense.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

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

PASSED: March 23, 2020

ATTEST:

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