

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2007 - 72

By: Mayor Perciak

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.13 OF CHAPTER 618 OF PART SIX OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING THE FEEDING OF STRAY DOGS, CATS OR OTHER WILDLIFE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 618.13 of Chapter 618 of Part Six of the Codified Ordinances be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

618.13 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall keep or harbor any animal or fowl in the Municipality so as to create offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public. (Ord. 1969-63. Passed 4-21-69.)

(b) Any animal which, by barking, biting, howling or in any other way or manner, injures or disturbs the quiet of any person, or destroys or damages any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or other property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, by scratching, digging, running, defecating, urinating or otherwise, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. No person, being the owner or in charge or control of any animal, shall permit such animal to be or create such nuisance.

(c) No person, being the owner or in charge or control of any animal, shall continue to keep or harbor within the City any animal which is or creates a nuisance as described in subsection (b) hereof, unless such animal is confined or otherwise kept under such strict control as to abate the nuisance. (Ord. 1969-56. Passed 3-3-69.)

(d) No person shall provide food on their property for or feed any stray dog, cat or other wildlife, including but not limited to, birds, water fowl, raccoons, opossums, skunks, rabbits, deer, and coyotes so as to create an unsanitary condition; cause inconvenience, discomfort, or damage to another; or endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of

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others; or in any way render other persons insecure in life or in the use of their property.

(de) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

Section 2. That 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, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to prevent nuisance conditions in the City and to ensure that persons enjoy their lives and property without inconvenience, discomfort or damage from such animals. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Raymond J. Haselley
President of Council

Approved: Thomas R. Buresh
Mayor

Date Passed: April 2, 2007

Date Approved: April 3, 2007

Attest: Leslie J. Seefried
Clerk of Council

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