

VILLAGE OF OTTOVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

AN ORDINANCE SETTING LIMITATIONS UPON ANIMALS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTOVILLE, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is immediately necessary to set limitations upon animals within the Village of Ottoville, Ohio, and provide for penalty for violation of the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and by reason thereof this Ordinance shall take effect forthwith:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTOVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, two-thirds (2/3) concurring thereto:

SECTION 1. That no person shall keep or harbor any farm animals, wild animals and/or fowl within the corporate limits of the Village unless such person is the owner, or has the legal right to possession of a minimum of five acres of land on which said animals and/or fowl are kept or harbored.

SECTION 2. Any person keeping or harboring such an animal(s), as defined in Section 4 hereof, shall have fifteen days after receipt of notice of violation to remove said animal(s) from the property or the Village will remove said animal(s) at the expense of the person owning, keeping or harboring such animal(s).

SECTION 3. No person shall keep or harbor more than one pit bull at his or her residence regardless of acreage owned or in possession of said person.

SECTION 4. As used in this Ordinance:

- (1) "Farm Animals" means cows, bulls, goats, swine, sheep, donkeys, cattle, llamas, emus and all other equidae, bovidae and suidae.
- (2) "Fowl" means chickens, ducks, geese, roosters, pheasants, turkeys, peacocks, guinea hens and all other wild or domestic fowls.
- (3) "Wild animals" means bears, deer, wolves, foxes, skunks, raccoons, monkeys, apes and any other animal that by its nature is not domesticated.

SECTION 5. Whoever violates this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 6. That all prior Ordinances are superceded effective immediately upon passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause publication of this Ordinance to be made in a manner as provided for according to law.

SECTION 8. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto which is made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force forthwith, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the village council; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Date Passed: January 22, 2018

ATTEST:

Jeanne M. Lamemacher
Fiscal Officer, Village of Ottoville

APPROVED:

Ronald A. Miller
Mayor, Village of Ottoville