

ORDINANCE NO. 1630

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.09 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOREST, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I. Section 505.09 of the General Offenses Code of the Village of Forest is hereby amended to read:

(A) No person shall keep or harbor any animal which howls, barks, or emits audible sounds that are unreasonably loud and disturbing and that are of such character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or to be detrimental to the life and health of any individual. Any person who allows any animal to habitually remain or be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard, or enclosure that he or she occupies or owns shall be considered to be harboring such animal.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Whoever violates this section a second time within one year of the date of the first violation is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall be an emergency measure, the particular emergency being the immediate need to amend Section 505.09 of the General Offenses Code, which, in its present form, is identical to a Kenton code section which was declared unconstitutional by the Hardin County Municipal Court. Therefore, for the immediate and best protection of the public peace, health, and safety, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: September 12, 2002

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David L. Hankins  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kathleen Cain  
Clerk-Treasurer