

REQUESTED BY:
RUCKER

LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0160

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 505.04, "ABANDONING ANIMALS." OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARREN FOR THE PURPOSE OF MORE FULLY DEFINING THE ABANDONMENT OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS PERMITTED TO BE KEPT WITHIN THE CITY OF WARREN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 13044/2021

WHEREAS, the care of animals within the City of Warren is a concern of this Council and the residents of the City of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the protection of animals from abandonment is a concern of this Council and the residents of the City of Warren; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to more fully define the abandonment of animals within the City of Warren, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That Section 505.04 ("ABANDONING ANIMALS.") of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren be, and the same hereby is, repealed in its entirety.

Section 2: That Section 505.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren be, and the same hereby is, reenacted as follows:

"505.04 ABANDONING ANIMALS.

- (a) No owner or keeper of a dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall abandon such animal.
- (b) A person commits the crime of animal abandonment if the person intentionally, purposely, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence leaves a domestic animal at a location permanently or temporarily without providing for the animal's continued care. As used in this section, "temporarily" means leaving an animal at a location, other than the owner's home or residence, for longer than thirty (30) minutes without providing for the animal's continued care.
- (c) Animal abandonment is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (d) Each act in violation of division (a) of this section shall constitute a separate offense."

Section 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and for the further reason that the integrity of the health, safety and welfare of animals kept within the City of Warren may be more fully ensured at the earliest possible time and without undue delay. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 28TH day of JULY, 2021

SIGNED: [Signature] ATTEST: [Signature]
President of Council Clerk

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 7-28-2021

DATE APPROVED: 7-28-2021

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MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO