

BY:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-09

TO AMEND SECTION 505.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE TO ESTABLISH A LEASH LAW

WHEREAS, the Village periodically receives complaints from residents that dogs are running loose with the potential of destroying property and inflicting bodily injury; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to establish a leash law for the Village of Granville that will assist to prevent property damage and/or bodily injury due to dogs running at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Granville, Ohio that:

Section 1. Section 505.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Granville is hereby amended to read as follows:

"505.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(a) No person being the owner or having charge of cattle, sheep, geese, ducks, turkeys, chickens or other fowl or animals shall permit them to run at large upon any public place, or upon any unenclosed lands, or upon the premises of another.

(b) No person being the owner of or having charge of any dog, whether wearing a registration tag or not, shall permit it to run at large upon any public place or upon the premises of another. ~~No owner, keeper or harbinger of any female dog shall permit such dog to go beyond the premises of such owner or keeper at any time such dog is in heat, unless such dog is properly in-leash. The owner or keeper of every dog shall at all times keep such dog either confined upon the premises of the owner or keeper, or under reasonable control of some person. do any of the following:~~

(1) Permit the dog to enter upon any public property unless the dog is securely restrained by a leash and is under the full and complete care of a person of suitable age and discretion to control the dog. Exceptions to this requirement include when a dog is lawfully engaged in hunting, or otherwise engaged in a sanctioned demonstration or show, or within the confines of a dog park, and accompanied by the owner or person having charge of the dog.

(2) Without permission, allow the dog to enter upon any private property not that of the owner or person having charge of the dog, unless the dog is securely restrained by a leash and is under the full and complete care of a person of suitable age and discretion to control the dog.

Except as provided herein, the owner or keeper of every dog shall keep such dog either confined or under reasonable control upon the premises of the owner or keeper.

(c) No person shall bring any pets into a park except dogs or cats, unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Village Manager or the Recreation Director. Dogs and cats brought into a park must be kept in a vehicle, suitably caged, or restrained by a leash so that the dog or cat is under the owner's or keeper's control at all times. Dogs are permitted to be off leash only within the fenced perimeters of a park specifically designated for the primary purpose of allowing dogs to engage in recreational and training activities.

(d) (e) 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) (d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Melissa Hartfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Michael Crites, Law Director