

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 103

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.01 OF CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS, PART SIX-GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, 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 618.01 of Chapter 618 of Part Six-General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville, be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**618.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.**

(a) No person who is the owner or keeper of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, dogs, geese or other fowl or animals shall permit them to run at large upon any public way or upon unenclosed land.

(b) ~~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.~~ **No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog to go beyond the premises of such owner or keeper at any time, except when held securely on a leash or under the control of some responsible person.**

(c) 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. (ORC 951.02)

(d) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Punishment shall be as provided in Section 698.02.

(e) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense. For each subsequent offense, such person shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and may be imprisoned for not more than thirty days.

~~(Ord. 2002-239. Passed 2-3-03.)~~

**Section 2.** That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** 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

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this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 4.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is necessary to amend such Section of the Charter in order to provide for further regulation of dogs and other animals running at large in the City for the safety of all residents. 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.

*Mark S. ...*  
 President of Council

Approved: *Thomas R. Burd.*  
 Mayor

Date Passed: 7-19-21

Date Approved: July 19, 2021

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<u>✓</u>	_____
DeMio	<u>✓</u>	_____
Kaminski	<u>✓</u>	_____
Kosek	<u>✓</u>	_____
Roff	<u>✓</u>	_____
Schonhut	<u>✓</u>	_____
Short	<u>✓</u>	_____

Attest: *Linnea Piantka*  
 Clerk of Council

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