

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1161

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE CONTROL OF COMMUNITY CATS AND IMPLEMENTING A TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Pleasant Hill, Ohio has determined that a process of trapping, sterilizing, ear tipping, and returning cats to their original area is one effective and humane way to manage the population of cats within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that this process, known as Trap-Neuter-Return, is one approach for managing the cat population, and that Trap-Neuter-Return shall be the prioritized disposition for any impounded community cats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio with a majority of its members elected or appointed concurring:

SECTION ONE:

MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION; PERMITTED ACTS

A. Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Community Cat" is a member of the domestic species *Felis Catus* and shall mean a free-roaming cat.
2. "Ear tipping" shall mean the removal of the distal one-quarter of a community cat's left ear, which is approximately 3/8-inch, or 1 cm, in an adult and proportionally smaller in a kitten. This procedure is performed under sterile conditions while the cat is under anesthesia, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Ear tips are designed to identify a community cat as being sterilized.
3. "Trap-Neuter-Return" shall mean the process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, ear tipping, and returning community cats to their original area.

B. Permitted Acts. The following actions shall be permitted in Pleasant Hill as part of Trap-Neuter-Return:

1. Trapping, for the sole purpose of sterilizing and ear tipping community cats, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, where applicable.
2. A trapped ear tipped cat will be released on site unless veterinary care is required.
3. Community cat caregivers are empowered to reclaim impounded community cats without proof of ownership solely for the purpose of

carrying out Trap-Neuter-Return and/or returning ear tipped community cats to their original area.

4. A person who returns a community cat to its original area while conducting Trap-Neuter-Return is not deemed to have abandoned the cat.
5. Trap-Neuter-Return shall be the preferred disposition for impounded community cats.

SECTION TWO: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

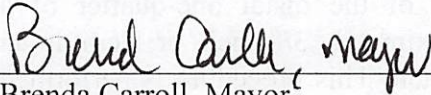
SECTION THREE: Penalty - Whoever violates the provisions of this Ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for the first offense within a year. For a second offense within one year, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and for more than two offenses within one year, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

PASSED, this 11th day of March 2025.

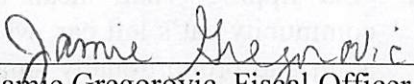
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