## CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO.

14 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 565.04 (A) (8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATING TO PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, currently, legislation exists that prohibits dogs at certain neighborhood parks; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation Board is in unanimous favor of allowing leashed dogs at all neighborhood parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:

<u>Section 1.</u> Section 565.04(A)(8) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls is hereby amended to read in full as follows (new text <u>double underlined</u>; deleted text in <u>strikethrough</u>):

(8) Domesticated animals shall not be allowed to run at large, and, if found within the park limits, may be impounded. Dogs on a leash held in the hand of a person, in a manner which continuously controls the animal, unless in a designated dog park, accompanied by their owners and held in control, shall not be allowed within the parks. No dogs shall be allowed in Oak Park or Linden Park. No dog shall be allowed in Valley Vista except in posted areas. No animals of any kind shall be allowed to enter any of the lakes, ponds, fountains or streams. Owners of dogs or other animals damaging or destroying park property will be held liable for the full value of the property damaged or destroyed in addition to the penalty imposed for a violation of this section.

<u>Section 2.</u> Any ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 3.</u> It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

<u>Section 4.</u> This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: 2-14-2622

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved: 2-15-2022

Mayor

1/24/22