

ORDINANCE NO.: 2023 -39

FIRST READING JUNE 12, 2023

SECOND READING JULY 10, 2023

INTRODUCED BY: GERALD CANTON

THIRD READING AUGUST 14, 2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.01(c)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL TO REQUIRE DOGS ON LEASHES NOT MORE THAN EIGHT FEET LONG ON PROPERTY OTHER THAN PRIVATE PROPERTY OF DOG OWNER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 618.01(c)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell currently requires a dog owner, keeper, or harborer to, among other things, keep the dog under control of some person except when the dog is lawfully engaged in hunting and accompanied by the owner, keeper, harborer, or handler of the dog; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Section 618.01(c)(2) of the Codified Ordinances to require that, among other things, when the dog is not lawfully engaged in hunting, the dog be on a leash not more than eight (8) feet long, which is consistent with the requirements for dogs on any Village property, including the Village Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Section 618.01(c) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell currently reads as follows:

“(c) Except when a dog is lawfully engaged in hunting and accompanied by the owner, keeper, harborer, or handler of the dog, no owner, keeper, or harborer of any dog shall fail at any time to do either of the following:

“(1) Keep the dog physically confined or restrained upon premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision, or secure enclosure to prevent escape.

“(2) Keep the dog under control of some person.”

SECTION 2. Section 618.01(c)(2) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell is hereby deleted and amended to read in its entirety as follows:

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“(2) Keep the dog under control of some person and on a leash not more than eight (8) feet long.”

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that

all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees on or after December 2, 1975, that resulted in formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason to provide additional control of dogs running at large; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage by this Council and approval by the Mayor.



Mayor - President of Council

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer

I certify that Ordinance No. 2023 - 39 was duly enacted on the 14TH day of AUGUST, 2023, by the Council of the Village of South Russell, and published in accordance with the Ordinances of the Village.



Fiscal Officer