

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08

ORDINANCE IMPOSING LIMITS ON ANIMALS ALLOWED IN CORPORATION LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Council declares that enactment of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of Village residents;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2014, Council passed an *Animal At Large Ordinance* to address concerns over loud, habitual and unattended animals that were causing serious annoyance or disturbance to residents of the Village;

WHEREAS, Section B of said *Animals At Large Ordinance* stated, "No person shall permit or suffer any animal or fowl harbored by him to become noisy so as to cause a disturbance of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.";

WHEREAS, Council has deemed that the *Animal At Large Ordinance* has not effectively addressed concerns that led to its enactment as Fowl continue to cause a nuisance to Jacksonville residents;

WHEREAS, Council deems that harboring Farm Animals, Wild Animals and Fowl in the corporation limits is detrimental to the health, safety and quality of life of Jacksonville residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, THAT THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE HEREBY ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

Section I. No person shall keep, harbor, store, maintain or allow to graze, any Farm Animals, Wild Animals or Fowl, as defined in Section II, within 300 feet of any home or residence within the corporation limits of the Village of Jacksonville.

Section II. As used in this Ordinance:

1. "**Farm Animals**" means cows, bulls, goats, swine, sheep, horses, donkeys, cattle, llamas, emus, and all other Equidae, Bovidae and Suidae.
2. "**Wild Animals**" means bears, deer, wolves, foxes, skunks, raccoons, monkeys, apes, weasels, and any other animal(s) that by its nature is not domesticated.
3. "**Fowl**" means ~~chickens~~, ducks, geese, roosters, pheasants, turkeys, peacocks, guinea hens and all other wild or domestic fowls, *excluding chickens.*

Section III. Any person found to be in violation of **Section I**, shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of a Notice of Violation to remove, at the Violator's expense, said animals from the Village corporation limits.

Section IV. Any person who violates **Section I** of this Ordinance and fails to act within 30 days in accordance with the requirements of **Section III**, shall be guilty of a Minor Misdemeanor

Duly enacted on first reading as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules this 24TH day of June, 2020.

VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE

By: _____

Mayor

By: _____

President of Council

ATTEST/SEAL:

Heather Rockwell
Clerk - Treasurer/Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK/FISCAL OFFICER

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Ordinance No. 2020-08.

Publication of this Ordinance was made by posting a copy of the same in the following five locations within the Village, beginning on 6/25, 2020, and concluding on 7/13, 2020 (at least 15 days later):

- Post Office
- Eagles Club
- VFW
- Village Hall
- Corner Pizza

ATTEST:

DATE: 6/24/20

Heather Rockwell
Village Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Heather Rockwell, Fiscal Officer for the Village of Jacksonville, Athens County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Jacksonville, and appears in the Village records as Ordinance No. 2020-08.

ATTEST:

DATE: 6/24/20

Heather Rockwell
Village Fiscal Officer