

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 12-85

INTRODUCED BY: Muller, Willey, Marnecheck, Kasaris

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS, SECTION 618.16 ANIMALS KILLING, OR INJURING OTHER ANIMALS; IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: It has been determined to be in the best interest of the public safety of the community to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton regarding the impounding and disposition of animals to include biting and to make this provision include people as well as animals; and

WHEREAS: It is therefore necessary to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part Six General Offenses Code, Chapter 618 Animals, Section 618.16 Animals Killing, or Injuring Other Animals; Impounding and Disposition to include this language; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for this amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Part Six General Offenses Code, Chapter 618 Animals, Section 618.16 Animals Killing, or Injuring Other Animals; Impounding and Disposition of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended to hereinafter read as follows:

618.16 ANIMALS KILLING, **BITING**, OR INJURING **PEOPLE OR OTHER** ANIMALS; IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSITION.

Any animal that kills, **bites**, or injures **a person or another animal** ~~other animals~~ may be impounded by the Police Department or Dog Warden. The owner of such animal, by order of the Court, may be ordered to permanently remove the animal from the confines of the City. If the owner fails to remove the animal as ordered, or fails to pay the expense of the impounding fee, the animal shall be sold or otherwise disposed of as provided by law.

Section 2. Section 618.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 618 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. 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 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 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton regarding the impounding and disposition of animals to include reference to the biting, killing or injury of animals and persons.

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.

/s/ Larry Antoskiewicz
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: May 15, 2012

DATE APPROVED: May 16, 2012

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading May 15, 2012

YEAS: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey
Marnecheck, Muller, Kasaris

NAYS: none