

**ORDINANCE #009-2010**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF CATS AND  
PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.**

WHEREAS, The Village of Tiltonsville is experiencing an increase in the stray and abandoned cat population, and said colonies of feral cats are causing issues of public health and safety within the village.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TILTONSVILLE, Jefferson County, State of Ohio, by all members thereto concurring as follows:

**Section 1:**

- (a) That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep, harbor or feed feral cat colonies within the village limits.
- (b) The owner of domesticated cats shall supply appropriate and adequate food, water and shelter for their cats, and
- (c) The owner of a domesticated cat shall exercise the necessary care to guard against the cat creating a nuisance, and
- (d) The owner of a domesticated cat whether spayed or neutered shall not permit his/her cat to roam off the premises, and
- (e) An owner shall not abandon a domesticated cat,
- (f) A violation of any of the above shall carry a fine of up to \$100.

Abandoned cat means a domesticated cat that an owner has forsaken entirely, neglected or refused to provide care and support to;

Feral cat means a cat that is born in the wild or is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized;

Feral cat colony means a group of cats that congregate, more or less, together as a unit;

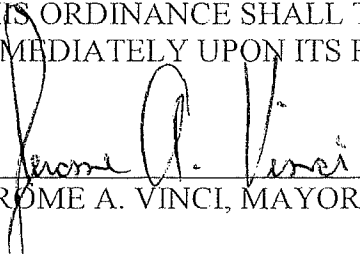
Nuisance, for the purpose of this ordinance, means conduct by stray or feral cats that disturb the peace. The cats create a nuisance by (a) habitually or continually howling, crying or screaming, or (b) destroying, desecrating or soiling property against the wishes of the property owner.

**Section 2:** If no issue of public health or safety exists, then a person can arrange to have the cats spayed or neutered, ear tipped, vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian, have EAID inserted and then arrange for adoption. The Village retains the right to trap, in a humane manner, and remove any cats for public health and safety concerns;

**Section 3:**

- (a) The Village of Tiltonsville Police Department will give a property owner ten (10) days notice to remove the cat(s) that are creating a nuisance. Failure of the person to remedy the nuisance shall result in a citation being issued and grounds for the village to remove said cat(s) and bill all expenses to the property owner.

THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF TILTONSVILLE, OHIO, AND THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FULL FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR.

  
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JEROME A. VINCI, MAYOR, VILLAGE OF TILTONSVILLE

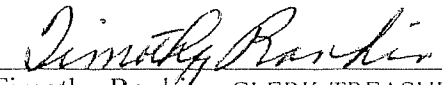
ATTEST:

  
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TIMOTHY RANKIN, CLERK-TREASURER

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by COUNCIL of the VILLAGE OF TILTONSVILLE, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010.

**Clerk's Certification**

I, Timothy Rankin, Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Tiltonsville, hereby certify that the above Ordinance No. 009-2010 dated March 16, 2010 is a true copy of said Ordinance passed by the Council of Tiltonsville, Ohio on the above date.

  
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Timothy Rankin - CLERK-TREASURER