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VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 21 – 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH FOR THE LOVE OF CATS (FLOC) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FERAL CAT POPULATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, APPROVING SAID AGREEMENT AS EXHIBIT A, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of North Baltimore is experiencing a growing number of feral “community” cat colonies and seeks to implement a humane and effective solution; and

WHEREAS, For the Love of Cats (FLOC), a nonprofit based in Bowling Green, Ohio, has successfully implemented Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs and will partner with the Village to provide humane trapping, sterilization, vaccination, recovery, and return services; and

WHEREAS, the Village will contribute a minimum of \$5,000 to support the initial effort, with the potential for additional donations or grant funding to be directed toward the continued implementation of the program; and

WHEREAS, the immediate adoption of this program is necessary because cold weather will soon make it impractical to humanely trap, neuter, and return cats this year, and any delay until next year would allow another breeding cycle to occur, significantly increasing the feral cat population and compounding public health, safety, and nuisance issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Wood County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program Agreement Between the Village of North Baltimore and For the Love of Cats (FLOC), substantially in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. The Village shall allocate an initial \$5,000 to support the TNR program and further commits to applying any public donations or grant funding received for TNR purposes toward the continuation and expansion of the program with FLOC, as outlined in the agreement.

SECTION 3. All formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting and in full compliance with applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village, to allow timely implementation of the TNR program before cold weather prevents humane trapping and neutering, and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE
YEAS _____ NAYS _____

VOTE ON MEASURE
YEAS _____ NAYS _____

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Dee Hefner, President of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Becky Walter, Clerk-Treasurer

Exhibit A



For the Love of Cats

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program Agreement Between the Village of North Baltimore and For the Love of Cats (FLOC)

SUMMARY

The Village of North Baltimore ("Village") has contacted For the Love of Cats ("FLOC") to assist with the overpopulation of feral "community" cats. The Village has identified an influx of feral cat colonies in their community and wishes to implement a trap-neuter-return ("TNR") program with the goal of reducing the number of feral/free-roaming cats in our community. TNR programs have been widely adopted as industry best practices relating to the control of feral cat colony populations.

FLOC BACKGROUND

This year, over 200 cats have gone through our TNR program, and in the past three years, almost 1000. We have seen success in the areas we have focused on for two years and those we have helped with a smaller number of cats. We have stopped the breeding cycle, fighting and spread of diseases among colony cats, suffering of sick cats and kittens, and nuisances created by too many feral cats.

TNR PROGRAM PROPOSAL

For the Love of Cats is a nonprofit whose mission is TNR and is located in Bowling Green, Ohio. Their Trap, Neuter, Return program consists of:

- Humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, ear tipping, and returning of feral cats to the location where trapped;
- Ear tipping is the process of removing one-quarter inch (or less) tip of the feral cat's left ear, performed while the feral cat is under anesthesia, to identify the feral cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies;
- Sterilization of feral cats is carried out by licensed veterinarians,

For the Village of North Baltimore, For the Love of Cats ("FLOC") will handle the trapping, transportation of cats to and from veterinary clinic, recovery of the animals and return to location trapped.

BUDGET SUMMARY

The average basic TNR cost per cat is \$80. Quite often, TNR is the only time a community cat will receive veterinary care, and if a cat is sick, it will receive any additional treatment it needs before being released. At the heart of our mission is the welfare of the cat and we ensure that they are given the opportunity at the best quality of life.

The Village has agreed to provide a minimum of \$5000 for FLOC to assist with the TNR program. With the initial amount agreed upon, that will cover spay/neuter of approximately 62 cats. FLOC will provide to the Village information on the TNR program, including date of TNR, color and sex of cat and location. We will remain in contact with the Village Administrator on progress of the program.

In addition to the initial \$5,000 commitment, the Village agrees that any public donations or additional grant funding specifically designated for the TNR program will also be directed to FLOC to expand the program. These additional funds will be used solely for TNR-related expenses, and FLOC will provide corresponding

documentation and reporting for such expenditures.

TERM AND TERMINATION

This agreement shall commence on the date of the last signature below and remain in effect until the committed funds are exhausted, or until either party provides thirty (30) days written notice of termination. In the event of early termination, FLOC shall provide the Village with a report of activities conducted to date and return any unused funds unless otherwise agreed in writing.

USE OF FUNDS

All funds received from the Village shall be used solely for the Trap-Neuter-Return program described herein, including veterinary expenses, supplies, and related costs. Any funds not expended for these purposes shall be returned to the Village unless otherwise authorized.

REPORTING

FLOC will provide monthly updates to the Village Administrator, including the number of cats TNR'd, their sex, date of service, and trapping location.

INDEMNIFICATION

Each party shall be responsible for any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from its own acts or omissions in connection with this agreement. FLOC shall ensure that any volunteers or contractors it engages follow all applicable laws and humane practices.

MODIFICATION

This agreement may only be modified by mutual written consent of both parties.

GOVERNING LAW

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

The Village of North Baltimore

By: _____

Josh Bender, Village Administrator

Date: _____

For the Love of Cats

By: _____

Julie Martini

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

I hereby certify that the amount of \$5,000.00 required to meet the obligations authorized by this Resolution has been lawfully appropriated and is available, or in the process of collection, to the credit of the appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances.

Date: _____

**Matthew Clouse
Financial Officer
Village of North Baltimore, Wood County, Ohio**