

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 37

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE
505.121 TITLED “WILD, DANGEROUS, EXOTIC,
ENDANGERED OR UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS.”**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1. Effective from and after _____, 2021, Section 505.121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, entitled “Wild, Dangerous, Endangered or Undomesticated Animals” is hereby established to read and provide as follows:

505.121 Wild, Dangerous, Exotic, Endangered or Undomesticated Animals

(a) No person shall keep or permit to be kept any wild, dangerous, exotic, endangered or undomesticated animal as set forth in Section 935.01(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. This prohibition shall not apply to pet stores or to circuses or performing acts or other uses which have been duly authorized by the Zoning Inspector. The Zoning Inspector may issue a temporary permit to keep injured or infant wild animals native to the area which have been deemed to be incapable of surviving without assistance. The Zoning Inspector may order the release of any wild animal kept under a temporary permit.

(b) Any person owning a wild or exotic animal at the time of enactment of this chapter may, pending approval of the Zoning Inspector, obtain a permit to retain said wild or exotic animal provided that:

(1) A permit application is filed with the Zoning Inspector within 30 days of the effective date of this chapter.

(2) The facilities for housing and containment of said wild animal are inspected and found to be adequate to prevent such animal from escaping or injuring the public or public safety personnel acting in an official capacity.

(3) An annual permit fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) is paid by the owner to the City.

(4) Upon the death, sale, adoption, exchange, transfer, or disposal of said wild or exotic animal, the animal may not be replaced.

(5) A permit issued under this section shall be non-transferrable to any subsequent owner or occupant of the property at which such animal is harbored or kept. Any permitted animal shall be removed from the premises by the person to whom the permit was issued.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and shall be fined not less than \$250 per animal, per day, for each day the violation exists.

Section 2. All formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council: _____, 2021

Robert Patton, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: _____, 2021

Richard J. Regovich, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor: _____, 2021

ATTEST: _____
Angela Trend, Clerk of Council