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505.19 REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE FOR VICIOUS DOGS.

(a) Registration of Vicious Dogs. Any person, corporation or other entity having the custody, ownership, or control of any vicious dog as defined in Section 505.18 , must do the following:

(1) Register such dog with the City Police Department on a form to be provided by the City. Said form shall require the following information: name, address, and telephone number of the dog's owner; the address where such dog is harbored, if different from the owner's address; the dog's sex and color; rabies certificate and tag number (license) and other distinguishing physical characteristics of the dog, two color photos of the dog, as well as proof of public liability insurance as required by the State for such registration. The City Police Department must be notified within seventy-two hours, in the event the dog should become deceased, sold, or donated.

(2) The registration and photo submission required by subsection (a) hereof shall be made annually by the person so required and such registration shall be made each year not less than thirty days from the date of the initial registration. Annual notification of the dog's status is required. The fee for registration shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year, for each person required to register any dog irrespective of the number of dogs registered by such person.

(b) Insurance for Vicious Dogs. No owner of a vicious dog shall fail to obtain liability insurance with an insurer authorized to write liability insurance to this State providing coverage in each occurrence, subject to a limit, exclusive of interest and costs, of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) because of damage to property or bodily injury to or death of a person caused by the vicious dog.

(c) Penalty. Whoever violates the provisions of subsection (a) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. Whoever violates the provisions of subsection (b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Each day that a violation of this section occurs shall be considered to be a separate offense.

(Ord. 24-06. Passed 3-14-06.)

505.20 NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS RESTRICTED.

(a) No individual, corporation, partnership, or other entity shall keep or maintain or allow to be kept or to be maintained more than four dogs or cats which are more than four months old at any one location (i.e., parcel of land and/or residence) located in any Residential, B-1 or B-2 zoned area of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day during which any violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.

(Ord. 28-19. Passed 6-25-19.)

505.21 RIGHTS OF BLIND, DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED, OR MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSON, OR TRAINER WITH ASSISTANCE DOG.

(a) When either a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person, or a training of an assistance dog is accompanied by an assistance dog, the person or trainer, as applicable, is entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all public conveyances, hotels, and lodging places, all places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, and other places to which the general public is invited, and may take the dog into such conveyances and places, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable to all persons not so accompanied, except that:

- (1) The dog shall not occupy a seat in any public conveyance; and
- (2) The dog shall be leashed while using the facilities of a common carrier.

(3) Any dog in training to become an assistance dog shall be covered by a liability insurance policy provided by the nonprofit special agency engaged in such work protecting members of the public against personal injury or property damage caused by the dog.

(b) No person shall deprive a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person, or a training of an assistance dog who is accompanied by an assistance dog, of any of the advantages, facilities or privileges provided in subsection (a) of this section, nor charge the person or training a fee or charge for the dog.

(ORC 955.43(A), (B))

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Assistance dog" means a dog that has been trained by a nonprofit or for-profit special agency and that is one of the following:

- A. A guide dog;
- B. A hearing dog;
- C. A service dog.

(2) "Blind" means either of the following:

- A. Vision 20/20 or less in the better eye with proper correction;
- B. Field defect in the better eye with proper correction that contracts the peripheral field so that the diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.

(3) "Guide dog" means a dog that has been trained or is in training to assist a blind person.

(4) "Hearing dog" means a dog that has been trained or is in training to assist a deaf or hearing-impaired person.

(5) "Institutions of education" means:

- A. Any state university or college as defined in Ohio R.C. 3345.32;
- B. Any private college or university that holds a certificate of authorization issued by the Ohio Board of Regents pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 1713;
- C. Any elementary or secondary school operated by a board of education;
- D. Any chartered or nonchartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school; or
- E. Any school issued a certificate of registration by the state Board of Career Colleges and Schools.

(6) "Person with a mobility impairment" means any person, regardless of age, who is subject to a physiological impairment regardless of its cause, nature or extent that renders the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related function. The phrase includes a person with a neurological or psychological disability that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise or perform any related function. The phrase also includes a person with a seizure disorder and a person who is diagnosed with autism.

(7) "Service dog" means a dog that has been trained or is in training to assist a person with a mobility impairment.

(ORC 955.011(B), 955.43(C))

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (ORC 955.99(D))

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

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