

# RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2025-0-22 Passed September 16, 2025  
YEAR

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF GREENWICH, OHIO  
ORDINANCE NO.: 2025-0-22

*Greenwich Codified Municipal Code of Ordinances  
Section 618.15*

## HORSES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.15 OF THE GREENWICH CODIFIED MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING KEEPING OR HARBORING CERTAIN ANIMALS AND PERMITTING HORSES IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE ONLY ON PARCELS HOUSING AND MAINTAINING HORSES PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2011; AND ESTABLISHING AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village Council previously enacted legislation restricting certain animals within the corporate limits of the Village in Ord. 2011-05. Passed 6-7-11 and codified in Section 618.15 of the Greenwich Codified Municipal Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, specifically regarding horses, Section 618.15(a)[sic](1) provides in part that:

*618.15 KEEPING OR HARBORING CERTAIN ANIMALS.*

*No person shall own, keep, harbor or otherwise have control of any of the following animals at any premises, or on any property, public or private, within the corporate limits of the Village:*

*(1) Horses, cattle, swine, poultry, sheep and goats;*

WHEREAS, Village Council further permitted a person having horses under his or her control on any premises of his or her owning, occupying or otherwise have charge of or control of any property within the Village corporate limits prior to May 1, 2011 will be permitted to continue to house such animal within the corporate limits of the Village. [See Section 618.15(b)]; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Mike King desires to permit horses within the corporate limits of the Village only on parcels/property housing horses prior to May 1, 2011; and asks that Village Council adopt the amendments proposed herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH, STATE OF OHIO: (ORC 731.18)

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**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** That Section 618.15 of the Codified Municipal Code shall hereby be amended as follows:

**CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GREENWICH, OHIO**  
**CHAPTER 618**  
**Animals**

**618.15 KEEPING OR HARBORING CERTAIN ANIMALS.**

**(a)** *No person shall own, keep, harbor or otherwise have control of any of the following animals at any premises, or on any property, public or private, within the corporate limits of the Village:*

*(1) Horses (except horses as provided in section (b) herein), cattle, swine, poultry, sheep and goats;*  
*(2) All animals which have been declared to be endangered or protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., and as listed in the Federal Register by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1533(C);*

*(3) All poisonous animals, including rear fang snakes;*  
*(4) Badgers (Melliniae);*  
*(5) Bears (Ursidae);*  
*(6) Beavers (Castoridae);*  
*(7) Canis, that is, wolves, foxes, coyotes, jackals and dingoes;*  
*(8) Constrictor snakes;*  
*(9) Crocodilians, that is, alligators, crocodiles, caimans and covials;*  
*(10) Eagles, hawks and owls (Falconiformes);*  
*(11) Felis, that is, lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, pumas, lynx and ocelots;*  
*(12) Game cocks and other fighting birds;*  
*(13) Hyenas (Hyendidae);*  
*(14) Marsupials, that is, opossums, tasmanian wolves, kangaroos, koalas and wombats;*  
*(15) Muskrats (Ondatra);*  
*(16) Ostriches (Struthio);*  
*(17) Porcupines (Hystricomorpha);*  
*(18) Primates (non-human), that is, apes, monkeys, baboons, chimpanzees, gibbons, gorillas, orangutans and siamangs;*  
*(19) Procuonida, that is, racoons, coatis, kinkajous, ring-tailed cats and pandas;*  
*(20) Skunks (Nephitinae);*  
*(21) Ungulates, that is, elephants, zebras, tapirs, rhinoceroses, camels, llamas, caribou, antelope, bison, reindeer, deer, giraffe, hippopotamus, wild boar, gazelle and gnu;*  
*(22) Weasels;*  
*(23) Wolverines (Gulo gulo);*  
*(24) Woodchucks (Marmota monas).*

**(b) —Horses. Exception. Affirmative Defense.**

*(1) Parcels, premises or property housing and maintaining horses in the village corporate limits prior to May 1, 2011 may continue to be used house and maintain horses by the parcel owner, and all future parcel owners. It is the burden of the parcel owner to provide evidence to establish that horses were maintained on the parcel prior to May 1, 2011 and shall be necessary as an affirmative defense to any person charged with a violation of section (a)(1) herein.*

*(2) Any parcel housing and maintaining horses as permitted by this section shall be kept clean and sanitary. Parcels shall also be maintained in good repair so as to prevent the breeding of insects and the emission of odors.*

*A person having horses under his or her control on any premises of his or her owning, occupying or otherwise have charge of or control of any property within the Village corporate limits prior to May 1, 2011 will be permitted to continue to house such animal within the corporate limits of the Village.*

**(c)** *The provisions of division (a) hereof shall not apply to any circus, carnival, or commercial exhibition properly registered in accordance with these Codified Ordinances, or a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine licensed by the State when in the course of the performance of his or her professional duties.*

**(d)** *No person shall keep three or more dogs at least three months of age in any pen, yard, lot enclosure situated within 100 feet of any inhabited dwelling house other than the house of the owner of such animals.*

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(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02. In addition, a violation of this section shall constitute a nuisance, for which the Village Solicitor may initiate injunction, abatement, or any other appropriate action or proceeding to enjoin, abate or prevent continued violation of this section.

(Ord. 2011-05. Passed 6-7-11.)

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS.** That any amendments herein are indicated with additions appearing in **bold and underline** and deletions appearing in **bold and strikethrough**.

**SECTION 3. CODIFICATION.** That the Fiscal Officer is hereby instructed and directed to submit the amendments herein to the codification service for the Village.

**SECTION 4. DISPENSE WITH THREE READINGS.** That the legislative authority, upon a vote of at least three-fourths of its members, hereby dispenses with the rule requiring each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days. [ORC 705.15 and 731.17(A)(2)]

**SECTION 5. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT.** That by two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the legislative authority, this legislation is hereby declared to be an emergency measure pursuant to ORC 731.30, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the municipal corporation and shall go into immediate effect for the following reason(s):

*This matter has processed through a lengthy legislative process and Council desires to give interested parcel owners closure.*

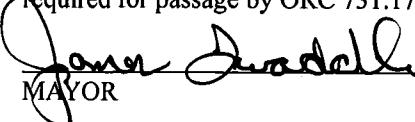
**SECTION 6. PUBLIC MEETING.** It is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in a public meeting open to the public at all times, and that all deliberations of the public body and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in public meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

## ATTESTATION (ORC 731.20)

We hereby attest and affirm that the foregoing legislation received the necessary affirmative roll call votes required for passage by ORC 731.17.

  
MAYOR

  
FISCAL OFFICER

## LEGISLATION READINGS (ORC 731.17(A))

(1) Each ordinance and resolution shall be read by title only, provided the legislative authority may require any reading to be in full by a majority vote of its members.  
(2) Each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days, provided the legislative authority may dispense with this rule by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members.

First Reading: 9/16/25 Second Reading: dispensed Third Reading: dispensed

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## ROLL CALL VOTE

ORC 731.17(A)(3)

The vote on the passage was taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal. Each ordinance or resolution shall be passed, except as otherwise provided by law, by a vote of at least a majority of all the members of the legislative authority. Yeas, nays, abstentions, excused or absent votes were recorded as follows:

Mike King

Yea

Jason Hunter

Absent

Randy Wilson

Yea

Regina Lueck

Yea

Lynne Phillips

Yea

Dorene Beverly

Yea

PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO FORM (See also ORC 731.21(B)):

~~VILLAGE SOLICITOR~~ Steve Palmer

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

ORC 731.21 and 731.22

Pursuant to ORC 731.21(A)(3), I hereby certify that a succinct summary of the above legislation was/will be published using the following method: **ON THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
The succinct summary was reviewed by the village solicitor as required by ORC 731.21(B). Publication was/will be made at least once a week for two consecutive weeks as required by ORC 731.22.

Karen M. Bemis  
FISCAL OFFICER