



Ordinance No.

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**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
CHAPTER 955 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. PARIS, OHIO THAT

SECTION I. In accordance with Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised code, it is unlawful:

- A. For the owner, custodian, or keeper to own, keep, harbor or provide sustenance for more than one dangerous or vicious dog¹, as defined by Ohio R. C. 955.11, or a dog commonly known as a Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed dog², regardless of age, in the Village of Saint Paris, with the exception of puppies commonly known as Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed for which the owner has filed an ownership acknowledgement form in person with the Dog Warden or Auditor of Champaign County, prior to reaching seven (7) days of age. The ownership of these puppies must be transferred according to Ohio R. C. 955.11; before they are three (3) months of age. Additionally, this paragraph requires that all owners, custodians or keepers of dangerous or vicious dogs, as described in the Ohio Revised Code or dogs commonly known as Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed dogs are to:
- a. Have the animal on their property, securing the dog from public contact by keeping the dog in a confined kennel approved by the Saint Paris Police department, that includes a secure roof and sides that shall be securely locked to prevent the entry of the general public and to preclude any release or escape of the dog;
 - b. Warn the public about the presence of the vicious dog by posting visible legible signage on and around the property reading either "vicious dog" or "beware of dog";
 - c. When off the owners' premises, to be kept on a 6' tether of chain or cable and muzzled until the dog's return to the premises of ownership.
 - B. For the owner, custodian, or keeper to allow a dog under his or her control to be upon property or upon the property of another, absent the consent of the owner or occupant of the property, without some device for the removal and containment of such dog's excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove immediately any excrement deposited by any dog under his or her control on public or private property.
 - C. For the owner, custodian, or keeper to permit or suffer such animal to continuously or frequently bark, howl or emit other audible sounds which create unreasonable, excessive or offensive noise to the annoyance or discomfort of any person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity of such animal.
 - D. For the owner, custodian, or keeper to allow a dog under his or her control to damage or destroy park or public property. The owner, custodian, or keeper shall be liable for the full value of the property damaged or destroyed in addition to any penalty imposed for a violation of this paragraph.

SECTION II.
person.

This ordinance shall not apply to guide dogs under the control of a blind

SECTION III.

Whoever violates Section I, paragraph A and applicable sub paragraphs, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day that a violation of this paragraph exists shall constitute a separate offense.

Section IV.

Whoever violates Section I, paragraphs B, C and / or D is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day that a violation of these paragraphs exists shall constitute a separate offense.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from the earliest period allowed by law.

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This ordinance passed and adopted by the Council of the Village of St. Paris, OH, Champaign County, this 3rd day of December, 2007.

ATTEST:

CATHLYN ADKINS SS

Fiscal Officer

JOSEPH L. BRADEN SS

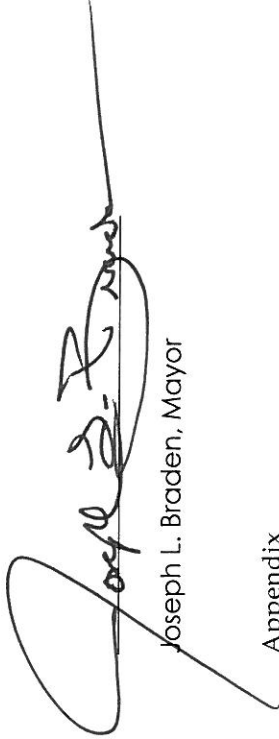
Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Cathlyn Adkins, Clerk of the Village of St. Paris, OH in said County, and in whose custody the Files, Journals and Records are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of said Ordinance now on file with said Village; that the foregoing is true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, THIS DATE December 3, 2007


Cathlyn Adkins, Fiscal Officer



Joseph L. Braden, Mayor

Appendix

1. As a result of State vs. Cowan, the owner, custodian, or keeper of a dog (other than of Pit Bull breed) suspected of being vicious, shall have the opportunity to appeal to a Vicious Dog Review board comprised of three experts:
 - a. The Champaign County Dog Warden,
 - b. A veterinarian selected by the Village, and
 - c. A third member to be named.