COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-011

AMENDMENT TO
COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-007
Animal Control
Vermillion County, Indiana

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Vermillion County Indiana that the County is in need of an ordinance to regulate animals in the county.

SECTION 1. Animals, whether kept as livestock, as pets, as working animals or for any other purpose should be kept under the control of their owners;

SECTION 2. Animals that are allowed outside of the control of their owners may cause damage to property, injuries or death to people or them animal may be killed through lack of control by its owner.

SECTION 3. A person who owns an animal that is located in Vermillion County, Indiana shall take reasonable steps to see to it that their animal remains under control by such means as including erecting proper fences, using leashes, cages, electronic devices or verbal/audible controls that are appropriate to the type of animal and that are sufficient to prevent that animal from injuring or killing other people, damaging property or injuring or killing itself.

SECTION 4. If a person charged with enforcing the ordinances of Vermillion County, Indiana learns of a situation after the effective date of this ordinance where a person has failed to keep an animal under control then that agent my issue the owner of the animal a ticket for the violation of this ordinance. If an owner cannot be located, then the animal may be taken and contained in such a manner as that official deems to be reasonable until an owner can be located.

SECTION 5. Nothing under this ordinance shall specify a particular device or method that must be used for a particular animal; rather the test shall be of whether or not the owner took reasonable steps to keep the animal under their control.

SECTION 6. If an animal has damaged property, injured or killed another person or injured or killed itself then this may be evidence that the animal was not under the control of its owner.

SECTION 7. That the penalty for violating this ordinance shall be $50.00 plus $50.00 per occurrence in a calendar year up to the maximum allowed by law.

SECTION 8. Any funds received under this ordinance shall be directed to go into the canine Fund No. 8123 K-9.

SECTION 9. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Adopted and passed by Vermillion County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of September 2017.

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Tim Wilson, President

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Amy L. Tolbert, Auditor