

Village of Crooksville

ORDINANCE No. 2597

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROPER PET WASTE DISPOSAL
THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE**

Whereas, the Council of the Village of Crooksville is cognizant of the need and desirability of establishing requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Village of Crooksville, so as to serve to protect public health, safety and welfare within the Village of Crooksville, and the necessity of prescribing penalties for failure to comply therewith.

NOW THEREFORE, a majority of the members of the Council of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, Ohio, concurring therein, **BE IT, THEREFORE, ORDAINED:**

Section 1. The Village of Crooksville hereby establishes requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Village of Crooksville, so as to serve to protect public health, safety and welfare within the Village of Crooksville, and hereby prescribes penalties for failure to comply therewith.

Section 2. Definitions. The following definitions are hereby adopted for purposes of this Ordinance:

- 2-1.01 Immediate – Immediate shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- 2-1.02 Owner/Keeper – Owner/Keeper is any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody or control of any pet, whether or not the person is the owner of such pet.
- 2-1.03 Person – Person is any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- 2-1.04 Village – Village of Crooksville, Ohio.
- 2-1.05 Pet – A Pet is a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- 2-1.06 Pet Solid Waste – Pet Solid Waste is waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.
- 2-1.07 Proper Disposal – Proper Disposal is placement in a designated waste receptacle or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is emptied by the municipality or other permitted refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal. Proper Disposal does NOT include disposal into a storm drain or storm water system; disposal into a storm drain or storm water system is strictly prohibited.

The above terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated therein unless their use in the text of this Ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When non inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the

plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

Section 3. Requirement for Disposal. All pet owners/keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that pet owner/keeper.

Section 4. Exemptions. Any owner/keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance while such animal is being used for its disability assistance purpose.

Section 5. Enforcement. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Village of Crooksville Police Department.

Section 6. Violations and Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$150.00) for each offense. Each failure to properly dispose of a pet's solid waste shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowable by law.

1st Reading: 09/05/2017.
2nd Reading: 09/18/2017.
3rd Reading: 10/02/2017.

Passed: October 2, 2017.



Fred Redfern, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Brittany Ross, Fiscal Officer

Posting Certification

This ordinance was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 3rd day of October, 2017.



Brittany Ross, Fiscal Officer