

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 24**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.15 ENTITLED "ANIMALS IN CITY PLAYGROUNDS AND CERTAIN OTHER PARK AREAS" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Parma Heights Police Department will begin utilizing a police dog in the summer of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parma Heights Codified Ordinances regarding animals in city playgrounds and parks need to allow police dogs to perform official duties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That Section 618.15 of the Codified Ordinances shall be amended and, as amended, shall henceforth read as shown by edits set forth in Exhibit A, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3: This Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety of this municipality and for the further reason that it is necessary to allow the Police Department to utilize police dogs to maintain safety; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED:	<u>8-15-22</u>	<u>Thomas Rouns</u>	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:	<u>Barbara S. Allen</u>	<u>8-15-22</u>	APPROVED
	CLERK OF COUNCIL		
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:	<u>8-15-22</u>	<u>Marie Gallo</u>	MAYOR MARIE GALLO

## EXHIBIT A

### 618.15 ANIMALS IN CITY PLAYGROUNDS AND CERTAIN OTHER PARK AREAS.

(a) No domestic animal shall enter any play apparatus in any playground. Dogs are permitted on a leash in parks owned or maintained by the City, providing no owner, keeper or harbinger of a dog shall fail to comply with all provisions in this division (a) of this section and all remaining applicable code.

(b) An owner of a domestic animal that violates division (a) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender has been previously convicted of violating this section, any subsequent violation is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(c) This section does not apply to guide, leader, hearing, or support dogs in accordance with federal regulations.

(d) This section does not apply to a police dog that is being used to assist one or more law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties or during the police dog's normal course of duty.

(Ord. 2019-3. Passed 2-11-19.)