

ORDINANCE 554-04-12

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING VICIOUS DOGS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Roaming Shores, Ohio:

Section 1. No person shall own, keep or have in his or her possession or under his or her control within the Village of Roaming Shores a vicious dog. For purposes of this ordinance, a vicious dog is a dog which because of its size and vicious nature or other dangerous characteristics constitutes a danger to human life or property and shall meet at least one of the criteria listed below:

a) while outside the premises of the owner of the dog, the dog has on more than one occasion chased without provocation any human being and bitten or attempted to bite such person.

b) while outside the premises of the owner of the dog, the dog has killed or seriously injured any other domestic animal owned by another, including dogs or cats.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not apply to any official police or law enforcement dog.

Section 3. Whoever violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a third degree misdemeanor and upon a second conviction, the Village may seek a court order to terminate the dog.

Section 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That this ordinance is not an emergency and shall not take effect until thirty days after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2012

John Ball, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leeann Moses, Fiscal Officer

Kyle B. Smith, Solicitor