

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALLEY PARK, MISSOURI REPEALING
SECTION 205.230 – ANIMAL DEFECATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF THE CITY OF VALLEY PARK AND ADDING A NEW
SECTION 205.065 PERTAINING TO ANIMAL NUISANCES

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Valley Park, Missouri reviews existing rules and regulations listed in the Municipal Code of the City of Valley Park pertaining to dogs, cats, and other animals; and

WHEREAS, with input from City Staff and the City Attorney, the Legislative Committee has discussed, debated, and studied the existing language pertaining to animal defecation and additional proposed language pertaining to animal nuisances; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health, safety and welfare of its employees and residents, along with the Legislative Committee's recommended approval of this amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Valley Park, Missouri as follows:

Section One: Section 205.230 – Animal Defecation is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section Two: The following language is hereby added to the Municipal Code and shall be identified as Section 205.065 – Animal Nuisances:

Section 205.065 Animal Nuisances

- A. Every person responsible for a dog, cat, puppy, kitten, or other animal shall keep it from creating a nuisance.
- B. A dog, cat, or other animal creates a nuisance if it:
 - 1. Soils, defiles, or defecates on property within the City other than property of a person responsible for the animal unless such waste is immediately removed by a person responsible for the animal and disposed in a waste container or buried in the ground where the person responsible for the animal has permission or the right to bury it;
 - 2. Damages public property or property belonging to a person other than a person responsible for the animal;
 - 3. Causes unsanitary or dangerous conditions;

4. Causes fear or annoyance to the neighborhood, or to a person or persons passing upon the streets or sidewalks, by excessive barking, howling, meowing or other noise making.
5. Chases vehicles, including bicycles;
6. Molests, attacks, bites, or interferes with persons or domestic animals on public property or property not belonging to a person responsible for the animal;
7. Interferes with or impedes refuse collection, mail delivery, meter reading, or other public service activities; or
8. Tips, rummages through, or damages a refuse container.

Section Three: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that each and every part, section, and subsection of this ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section, and subsection hereof and that the Board of Aldermen intends to adopt each said part, section, and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section, and subsection. In the event that any part of this ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections, and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section Four: Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this ordinance, as determined by the City Administrator and City Attorney, may be corrected with the endorsement of the City Administrator or City Attorney without the need to present the ordinance back before the Board of Aldermen.

Section Five: This ordinance shall take full effect and be in full force upon its passage by the Board of Aldermen and Approval of the Mayor of the City of Valley Park.

Read two times and passed as read this 20th day of February 2024.

VOTES CAST:

To Approve Bill No. 2024-01

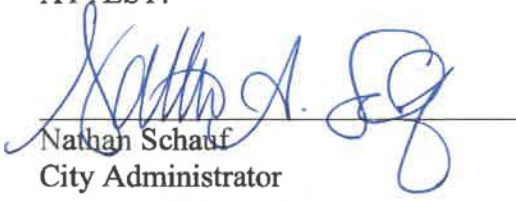
Motion:	<u>WHITE</u>		Second:	<u>HALKER</u>	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Reynolds	<u>X</u>	___	Young	<u>X</u>	___
Rose	<u>X</u>	___	Walker	___	___
Bowen	<u>X</u>	___	White	<u>X</u>	___
Halker	<u>X</u>	___	Braswell	___	<u>X</u>

Absent: WALKER

Approved this 20th day of February 2024.


Chandra Webster
Mayor

ATTEST:


Nathan Schauf
City Administrator