

ORDINANCE NO. 54-32

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ARTICLES OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE REGARDING
MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION PERMITTED ACTS (CHAPTER 505)**

WHEREAS, Members of Council of the City of Uhrichsville have discussed the current version of the City Codified Ordinances regarding management of cat population; and

WHEREAS, Members of Council of the City of Uhrichsville have determined that some modifications and/or amendments to the current Codified Ordinances management of cat population are needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO that:

SECTION 1. The Codified Ordinances of the City of Uhrichsville shall be modified/amended as follows:

Chapter 505 shall be amended by adding **Section 505.17**, which shall read as follows:

505.17 MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION PERMITTED ACTS

Section 505.17(A) Definitions. *For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meaning:*

- (1) *“Community Cat” shall mean a cat that is abandoned, stray, lost, or feral and that may be cared for by a community cat caregiver, specifically TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC., or its approved representatives.*
- (2) *“Community Cat Caregiver” shall mean a person who is approved by in accordance with the policy of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC., who provides care, including food, shelter or medical care to a community cat, while not being considered the owner, harborer, controller, or keeper of a community cat.*
- (3) *“Eartipping” shall mean the remove of a one-fourth (1/4) inch tip of a community cat’s left ear, under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, designed to identify the community cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies.*
- (4) *“Trap-Neuter-Return (“TNR”) shall mean the process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning community cats to their original location.*

Section 505.17(B) Permitted Acts. *The following actions shall be permitted in the City of Uhrichsville, specifically allowing TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC. to pursue the process of Trap-Neuter-Return:*

- (1) *Trapping, for the sole purpose of sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, and eartipping community cats, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, where applicable.*
- (2) *An eartipped cat received by local shelters will be returned to the location where trapped unless veterinary care is required. A trapped eartipped cat will be released on site unless veterinary care is required.*
- (3) *Community cat caregivers are empowered to reclaim impounded community cats without proof of ownership solely for the purpose of the implementation of the process of TNR as more particularly provided in this Section.*
- (4) *TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC. will provide the Uhrichsville Police Department and the Uhrichsville Service Director with a list of representatives (trappers, caregivers) who are approved by TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC. The list must be updated by TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC. whenever any change is made to the current submitted list.*
- (5) *A current copy of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC.'s Internal Revenue Service Employee Identification Number ("EIN") and a copy of TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC.'s Charter and Bylaws will be submitted to and kept in the City of Uhrichsville Mayor's Office.*
- (6) *Every approved TUSCARAWAS COUNTY TNR PROJECT, INC. representative, when performing a TNR function or Community Cat Caregiver function, must have written permission from the landowner on their person while performing such function.*

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective at the first time permitted by Ohio law.

FIRST READING:

10-14-2021

SECOND READING:

10-28-2021

THIRD READING:

11-10-2021

PASSED:

11-10-2021

APPROVED:



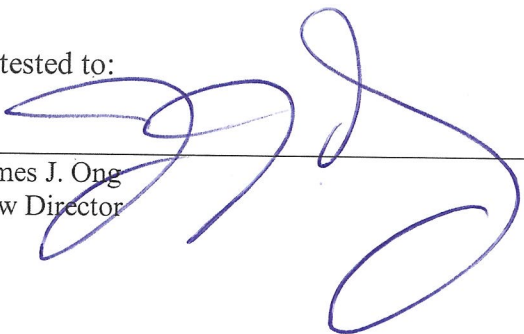
Robert Buck Cottrell

President of Council



Mark Haney
Mayor

Attested to:



James J. Ong
Law Director