

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16-T&S**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 505.021 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO PIT BULL DOGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2007, Council adopted Ordinance No. 2007-28-L&R establishing Section 505.021 of the Codified Ordinances regulating the pit bull breed of dog; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio has recently repealed legislation regulating breed specific dogs, namely pit bull dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Village of Greenhills to be in concert with the laws and mandates of the State of Ohio, specifically as it relates to breed specific dogs.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be It Ordained by the Village of Greenhills.

**SECTION 1.**

That Section 505.021 of the Codified Ordinances, as enacted by Ordinance No. 2007-28-L&R reading as follows is hereby **repealed** in its entirety.

- ~~(a) No person shall own, keep or harbor a pit bull dog as hereinafter defined within the Municipal limits of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio.~~
- ~~(b) "Pit bull dog" as used in this section means a dog that belongs to a breed that is commonly known as a pit bull dog or pit bull terrier which includes any Staffordshire bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier or American pit bull breed of dog or which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominately of any such breed or which is identifiable as partially of such a breed.~~
- ~~(c) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree on the first offense and a misdemeanor of the first degree for each subsequent offense under this section. In addition to any other sentence that it imposes on the offender, the court shall order the pit bull dog either destroyed or permanently removed from the Village. Any person found guilty of violating this section shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, boarding and veterinary expenses necessitated by the seizure of the dog, and such other expense as may be required for the destruction or permanent removal from the Village of any such pit bull dog.~~

**SECTION 2.**

That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, and shall be effective immediately upon its passage. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to be in concert with the laws and mandates of the State of Ohio.

Passed this 1st day of May, 2012.

Fred Murrell, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/