

ORDINANCE NO. 373

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OCEAN VIEW CODE, CHAPTER 68, ANIMALS, BY ADDING THERETO PROHIBITIONS AGAINST NUISANCES AND HARBORING OR FEEDING NON-DOMESTICATED DOGS OR FERAL CATS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF OCEAN VIEW

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Ocean View is concerned about abandoned or feral dogs or cats that live or may be abandoned within the Town's limits that may form colonies and procreate thereby causing health and safety issues to be managed by the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 68, of the Ocean View Code, entitled Animals, by adding to Article II, Domesticated Animals, Section 68-4, Definitions, the underlined text, as follows:

§ 68-4. Definitions.

NUISANCE - A dog or cat or groups of dogs or cats, whether domesticated or feral, shall be considered a nuisance if any of the following occurs:

A. Chases, bites or snaps at, or impedes a pedestrian, bicyclist, or vehicle.

B. Damages, soils, or defiles private or public property, other than his owner's, on more than one occasion or habitually.

C. Habitually interferes with, molests, or attacks persons or other animals.

Section 2. Amend Chapter 68, of the Ocean View Code, entitled Animals, by adding to Article II, Domesticated Animals, Section 68-5, Domesticated animals at large, the underlined text, as follows:

§ 68-5. Domesticated animals at large; nuisance prohibited.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing any domesticated animal to permit the same to run at large ~~or to permit any dog or cat to create a nuisance as defined by this article.~~

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, shelter, or otherwise harbor any non-domesticated animal, including abandoned or feral dogs or cats.

Section 3. Amend Chapter 68, of the Ocean View Code, entitled Animals, by adding to Article II, Domesticated Animals, Section 68-9, Violations and penalties, the underlined text, as follows:

§ 68-9. Violations and penalties.

Any person convicted of violating a provision of this article shall be fined not more than \$100.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by a majority of all members elected to the Town Council.

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

By: John J. Redding
Mayor

Attest: Donna M. Schwartz
Town Clerk

Adopted: September 8, 2020

Synopsis

This ordinance prohibits any person from permitting any dog or cat to create a nuisance or to feed, shelter, or otherwise harbor any abandoned or feral dogs or cats.