

**CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Ordinance No. 2022-<sup>28</sup>1

Introduced By: Mr. Ali Co-Sponsors: Mr. Ference, Mr. Sage

**AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 618 "ANIMALS"  
OF THE MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, breed specific legislation targets specific breeds of dogs that are wrongly thought to all be dangerous and places stricter regulations on these dogs; and

WHEREAS, animal control and legislative approaches to protecting a community from dangerous dogs should not be based on breed, but instead on promoting responsible pet ownership and developing methods to rapidly identify and respond to owners whose dogs present an actual risk; and

WHEREAS, banning a specific breed can give a community a false sense of security, and deemphasize to owners of other breeds the importance of appropriate socialization and training, which is a critical part of responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 618 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Middleburg Heights shall be amended to be more consistent with the Ohio Revised Code eliminating breed specific legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Section 618.21(l) entitled "Pit Bull Dogs Deemed to be Dangerous Animals" shall be repealed.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed: 4-12-22

  
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President of Council

Attest: M Mead  
Clerk of Council

Approved On: 4-13-22

Presented to Mayor: 4-13-22

Matthew J. Casella  
Mayor

	Yea	Nay
Bortolotto	<u>X</u>	_____
Ali	<u>X</u>	_____
Sage	<u>X</u>	_____
Meany	<u>X</u>	_____
McGregor	<u>X</u>	_____
Ference	_____	<u>X</u>
Grech	<u>X</u>	_____

I, Mary Ann Meola Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Ord 2022-28 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 4/12/22 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 4/14/22 and remained so posted for fifteen days at the two posting places as designated by Charter.

Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ord. 2022-28 passed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 20 22 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk of Council