

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA**

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2019-85-12**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING  
THE WABASH COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

The Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, may adopt ordinances regulating the control of animals.

There is presently in effect General Ordinance No. 9, 2012, regulating the control of animals.

The Board of Commissioners now wishes to repeal General Ordinance No. 9, 2012, and any amendments thereto, and adopt this ordinance in its stead.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this ordinance, the following terms mean:

1.1. **Animal**: a multicellular organism of the kingdom of Animalia, characterized by a capacity for locomotion, non-photosynthetic metabolism, pronounced response to stimuli, restricted growth, and fixed bodily structure, including, but not limited to dogs and cats.

1.2. **Animal Shelter**: Any premises, designated by action of the County, for the purpose of the impounding of and caring for animals.

1.3. **Animal Shelter Manager**: That person employed by an Animal Shelter designated to have primary responsibility for its day-to-day operations.

1.4. **At Heel**: Within the confined reach of a competent person, and/or obedient to that person's commands; "confined reach" is within a two (2) foot radius on either side of the person.

1.5. **At-large**: Any animal not securely confined by a fence or other means on premises under the control of, or occupied by, the owner of the animal, and not under the control of the owner, a member of his immediate family at least twelve (12) years of age or older, or an agent of the owner by leash or otherwise.

1.6. **Circus**: A commercial variety show including animal acts for public entertainment.

1.7. **Feral Cat**: Any homeless, stray, wild, or untamed cat.

1.8. **Kennel**: A facility operated commercially and principally for the purpose of boarding, housing, grooming, breeding or training dogs or cats, or both. The definition of kennel shall not include a facility in or adjoining a private residence where dogs or cats are kept for the hobby of the owner, lessee or other occupant of the property using the animals for hunting, practice tracking, exhibiting in shows or filed or obedience trials or for the guarding or protecting of the property, and an occasional sale of pups or kittens by the owner, lessee, or other occupant of the property shall not make such property a kennel.

1.9. Law Enforcement Animal: An animal that is owned or used by a law enforcement agency for the purpose of aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, the apprehension of offenders, and ensuring public welfare.

1.10. Owner: A person (a) having the right of property or custody of an animal, or (b) who keeps or harbors an animal, or (c) knowingly permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by that person.

1.11. Person: An individual, firm, corporation or commercial establishment.

1.12. Public Nuisance: Any animal which interferes with a passerby or passing vehicles, attacks other animals or humans, trespasses on school grounds, or is repeatedly at-large or unrestrained, damages private or public property, or barks, whines, howls, or makes other sounds common to its species, in excess of fifteen (15) minutes.

1.13. Service Animal: An animal trained to assist individuals with disabilities.

1.14. Veterinary Hospital: Any establishment maintained and operated by a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of hospitalization of animals or the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of animals.

1.15. Wild Animal: Any animal found in a natural state; not domesticated, cultivated, or tamed.

## **SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF ANIMAL SHELTER**

2.1. The County designates the Wabash County Animal Shelter Inc., a domestic nonprofit corporation located at 810 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, as an Animal Shelter under this ordinance.

## **SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT**

3.1. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Animal Shelter Manager in conjunction with Wabash County law enforcement.

## **SECTION 4. ANIMAL CARE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

4.1. Protection from Elements. An owner shall not confine or allow their animal to remain outside without access to appropriate shelter from the elements, including protection from precipitation, temperatures above eighty degrees Fahrenheit (80°F), and temperatures below forty degrees Fahrenheit (40°F). For temperatures above eighty degrees Fahrenheit (80°F), such shelter must be shaded by trees or a tarp like device. For temperatures below forty degrees Fahrenheit (40°F) such shelter must be raised above the ground and must protect the animal from the wind. The animal must be confined in an enclosed temperature controlled environment for temperatures below twenty degrees Fahrenheit (20°F) or above ninety degrees Fahrenheit (90°F), or whenever a heat advisory or wind chill warning has been issued by a local, State or National authority, except when the animal is within visual range of the owner or other adult responsible for the animal who is outside with the animal. The animal must be brought indoors if a tornado warning has been issued by a local, State or National authority.

4.2. Food and Water. An owner shall provide their animal with fresh potable drinking water and food that is nutritional for the species in adequate amounts to maintain good health.

4.3. Medical Care. No owner shall fail to provide their animal with necessary medical care in addition to the required rabies vaccination.

4.4. Enclosures. Any enclosure an animal is kept in shall be of adequate size for the animal. An owner shall keep any enclosures in which they keep an animal in a clean and sanitary condition.

4.5. Removal of Excrement. An owner shall remove animal excrement from public areas or from the property of another person immediately, except for service animals assisting the visually impaired.

4.6. Tethering or Fastening of Animals. No owner shall fasten or tether any animal by use of a spiked or pronged choker collar, or any collar too small for the size and age of the animal, or by any rope, chain, or cord directly attached to the animal's neck, or by a leash less than six (6) feet in length, or by any tether or leash without swivels on both ends, or of such unreasonable weight as to prevent the animal from moving about freely. This section shall not prohibit the proper use of a choker collar in the training of animals. Any animal tethered or fastened for periods exceeding one (1) hour shall be provided with shelter, food and water in accordance with Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

4.7. Cruelty to Animals. An owner shall protect their animal from and not cause their animal to be subjected to abuse, cruelty, neglect, torment, overload, overwork, or any other harmful mistreatment detrimental to the animal's health or general welfare.

4.8. Animal Fighting. No owner shall incite, train to fight (other than a law enforcement animal) or set any animal to fighting another animal or to incite combat between animals and humans.

4.9. Animal Contests or Events. No owner shall conduct or allow any event involving contests between animals except those events reviewed and approved by the Animal Shelter Manager.

4.10. Poisonous Bait. No person shall set any type of poisonous substance or bait within the county limits that is deemed harmful to any domestic animal; provided, however, that controlled programs under the direction of the Wabash County Board of Health, Health Department, or a licensed extermination, service may be excluded.

4.11. Abandonment. No person shall abandon any animal, including but not limited to dogs and cats, on any public place, including the right-of-way of any public highway or upon the property of another.

4.12. Trapping. No person shall use, place, set, or cause to be set any traps, except cage-type live traps approved by the Animal Shelter or Animal Shelter Manager. This prohibition shall not apply to any trap specifically designed to kill rats, mice, raccoons, skunks, gophers, or moles so long as the owner of the property is aware of the location where the trap(s) are set and monitors said trap(s) at least once every twenty-four (24) hours. Traps discovered by the Animal Shelter Manager or an employee of the Animal Shelter to have been unlawfully set in the county may be seized and used as prima facie evidence that a violation of this Ordinance has been committed. Upon conviction, said trap(s) shall be forfeited to and disposed of by the Animal Shelter. In order to protect the public health and safety in times of flooding, the Animal Shelter Manager or an employee of the Animal Shelter may issue letters of permission to trap based on the following guidelines:

4.12.1. Verified depredation of flood prevention property;

4.12.2. The area and time frames for trapping are specified by the Animal Shelter Manager or an employee of the Animal Shelter; and

4.12.3. The traps are identified as to ownership.

4.13. Injury caused by Motor Vehicle. Any person operating a motor vehicle who causes injury or death to an animal shall stop at once, assess the extent of injury to the animal, and immediately notify the owner, Animal Shelter, or law enforcement of the location of the animal.

4.14. Animals in Vehicles. No owner shall leave an animal unattended in a vehicle under conditions that constitute a health hazard to the animal.

4.15. Lost or Stray Animals. A person finding a stray animal shall notify the Animal Shelter within forty-eight (48) hours of such finding. At the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager or an employee of the Animal Shelter, the animal may be kept by the finder to enable the finder an opportunity to return the animal to its rightful owner.

4.15.1. Upon demand by the Animal Shelter Manager, any found stray animal shall be surrendered to the Animal Shelter and held for three (3) working days, before a disposition is made.

4.15.2. With the exception of the Animal Shelter, the finder of a stray animal shall be considered that animal's owner for the purposes of this ordinance only after the animal is in the finder's custody for thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. If this shall occur, the finder shall provide the Animal Shelter Manager with proof of Rabies vaccination of said animal within two (2) weeks following the expiration of the thirty (30) day period.

4.16. Wild or Exotic Animals. No wild or exotic animal shall be kept within the county without the necessary state and/or federal permits. In case of a violation, the Animal Shelter Manager shall report such incident to the proper State and/or federal authority. Wild or exotic animals may be kept for exhibition purposes by circuses, zoos, and educational institutions, in accordance with such regulations as shall be established by the Animal Shelter.

4.17. Training Methods. No person shall induce, encourage, or command any animal to perform or obey, through the use of chemical, mechanical, electrical, or manual devices, in a manner which will cause or is likely to cause physical injury, suffering, or torment.

4.18. Destruction of Animals.

4.18.1. No person other than a duly authorized agent of the Animal Shelter may destroy any domestic animal within the county; provided, however, this provision shall not apply to the following:

4.18.1.1. A licensed veterinarian;

4.18.1.2. A person acting in immediate self-protection;

4.18.1.3. Law enforcement officers or firefighters acting to prevent undue suffering.

4.18.2. When, in the judgment of the Animal Shelter or its agents, an animal should be destroyed for humane reason, such animal may not be redeemed. The Animal Shelter or its agents may use their discretion to dispose of any animals, other than

dogs and cats.

4.19. Animals in Heat. Every animal in heat shall be kept confined in a building or secure enclosure, or in a veterinary hospital or boarding kennel, in such a manner that such female animal cannot come in contact with any other animal, except for breeding purposes.

## **SECTION 5. FERAL CATS**

5.1. No feral cat colonies may exist within Wabash County without the approval of the Animal Shelter. Each approved feral cat colony must be registered by the caregivers with the Animal Shelter.

5.2. No person shall provide food, water, or shelter to a colony of feral cats, unless:

5.2.1. The colony is an approved managed colony registered with the Animal Shelter.

5.2.2. Food, water and shelter is provided in conjunction with the implementation of trap, neuter, and release methodology set forth below.

5.2.3. Ear tipping is used on feral cats in order to be identified as a spayed or neutered and vaccinated member of a managed colony.

5.3. An approved feral cat colony caretaker shall:

5.3.1. Humanely trap and sterilize (spay/neuter) and left ear-tip all cats that can be captured by a licensed veterinarian.

5.3.2. Vaccinate, as required by law, all cats that can be captured against rabies with a three-year vaccine and any other infectious disease as mandated by law.

5.3.3. Have a licensed veterinarian evaluate the health of all trapped cats. Seriously ill or injured cats with no reasonable prognosis for humane rehabilitation for survival outdoors shall be humanely destroyed.

5.3.4. Turn over all non-feral cats to the Animal Shelter for adoption or placement.

5.3.5. Make every attempt to remove kittens from the colony before eight (8) weeks of age for domestication and placement.

5.3.6. Remove sick or injured cats from the colony for immediate veterinary care or destruction.

5.3.7. Abide by the provisions of this ordinance regarding the provisions of food, water, and shelter and veterinary care.

5.3.8. Ensure responsibility and arrangements for feeding the cat colony regularly, including weekends, holidays and vacations of the feral cat caregiver.

5.3.9. Maintain proof of sterilization, vaccinations, tattoo or implant and medical records from a licensed veterinarian at all times. These records must be provided to the Animal Shelter or law enforcement upon request.

5.4. The Animal Shelter may impound any feral cat kept in violation of this ordinance. Any impounded feral cat that bears an appropriate ear-tipping indicating that it belongs to a managed colony may, at the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager, be returned to its managed colony unless illness or injury present a danger to public health or safety.

#### **SECTION 6. SPAY AND NEUTER**

6.1. Any animal adopted from the Animal Shelter must be spayed or neutered, within thirty (30) days of the adoption, or in the case of puppies or kittens, within thirty (30) days after reaching the age of six (6) months.

6.2. Any animal not spayed or neutered may be reclaimed and impounded by the Animal Shelter without refund to the owner of any fees, except if a licensed veterinarian has determined that the animal is physically unable to undergo such an operation within the time limitations or that it is not in the best interests of the animal.

6.3. Any animal impounded and held in the Animal Shelter for being an animal at-large must be spayed or neutered prior to being released to its owner after the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) impoundment within a consecutive twelve (12) month period.

6.4. Any animal that is used for breeding purposes and is current on all Rabies vaccinations are exempted from the requirements of this section.

#### **SECTION 7. IMPOUNDMENT**

7.1. Any animal found running at-large shall be impounded by the Animal Shelter and confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than three (3) working days, but may be released to its owner prior to the expiration of the three (3) working day period at the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager. Redemption by an owner of any animal found running at-large must be in the best interests of the animal. Animals not claimed by their owner by the end of the business day of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) working day after impoundment shall become the property of the Animal Shelter and after proper evaluation, may be put up for adoption, transferred to an animal rescue, put into temporary foster care, or destroyed in a humane manner at the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager, except as hereinafter provided in the cases of certain animals.

7.2. Immediately upon impounding any animal, the Animal Shelter shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owner of such animal so impounded. The Animal Shelter shall check for tag identification or implant chips of impounded animals. If an owner is identified and contacted, said owner shall be notified as to the procedure for regaining custody of the animal and the payment of impound fees.

7.3. Notwithstanding Section 7.1, when an animal is found running at-large and its ownership is known to the Animal Shelter or its agents, such animal need not be impounded and may be released to the owner at the discretion of an agent of the Animal Shelter and if reasonable assurances are provided that such animal will not again be found running at-large.

7.4. After the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) impoundment of an animal within a consecutive twelve (12) month period, the Animal Shelter may destroy the animal at the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager.

#### **SECTION 8. REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS**

8.1. An owner shall be entitled to redeem possession of any impounded animal, except as

otherwise provided herein or as hereinafter provided in the cases of certain animals, upon compliance with Section 10 of this ordinance and the payment of the established impoundment fees.

8.2. Any animal impounded under the provisions of this ordinance and not reclaimed by its owner may, if after proper evaluation is determined to be adoptable and if space is available at the Animal Shelter, be held until a responsible and suitable owner will agree to adopt said animal and abide by all provisions of this ordinance and such other regulations as shall be fixed by the Animal Shelter. Ownership of an animal may, in the discretion of the Animal Shelter Manager, transfer to a reputable rescue facility, which will then be responsible for spaying or neutering, and eventual placement of the animal with a responsible and suitable owner.

8.3. When an impounded animal is transferred to a new owner pursuant to this Section, the Animal Shelter shall collect from the new owner a transfer fee as determined by the Animal Shelter. The Animal Shelter shall post the fee schedule and give notice of any proposed changes to the fee schedule. A new owner must complete all proper forms as prescribed by the Animal Shelter.

8.4. If a new owner fails to take the animal to a licensed veterinarian for any required procedure within the stated length of time, the new owner shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a violation of this ordinance, plus any additional costs incurred by the Animal Shelter.

#### **SECTION 9. OWNER SURRENDERED ANIMALS**

9.1. When an animal is surrendered to the Animal Shelter by its owner, the animal becomes the property of the Animal Shelter. The animal is then evaluated to determine the adoptability and may be held if there is available space at the Animal Shelter.

9.2. Any animal deemed not adoptable shall be destroyed in a humane manner.

#### **SECTION 10. IMPOUNDMENT FEES**

10.1. An owner shall pay a fee to the Animal Shelter in accordance with the Animal Shelter's fee schedule prior to being able to redeem any animal impounded at the Animal Shelter. The Animal Shelter shall determine a fee schedule for the impoundment of an animal and post the fee schedule within the Animal Shelter. Such fee schedule may be amended from time to time and may increase for repeat impoundment of an animal.

#### **SECTION 11. PUBLIC NUISANCE**

11.1 No person shall own or harbor an animal that constitutes a public nuisance.

#### **SECTION 12. VICIOUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED**

12.1. No person shall own, keep or harbor a vicious animal within Wabash County, Indiana. For the purpose of this ordinance, an animal may be declared vicious by a law enforcement agency or the Animal Shelter Manager if the following criteria are met:

- 12.1.1. That the animal has: (i) bitten or attacked a person or persons without provocation; or (ii) that the animal exhibits vicious propensities in present or past conduct, including but not limited to conduct such that the animal has bitten a person or persons on two (2) or more separate occasions or has caused injuries creating a potential danger to the health and life of the victim; and

12.1.2. That in order to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, the destruction of said animal is reasonably necessary.

12.2. Any person may petition the Animal Shelter in writing to have an animal declared vicious and must set forth sufficient facts and evidence to satisfy the criteria under Section 12.1. The Animal Shelter Manager shall have discretion to declare an animal vicious based on any written petition under this section.

12.3. Whenever an animal is declared vicious, the Animal Shelter Manager shall notify the owner of said animal of this declaration in writing, and must inform the owner that the animal may be destroyed as a result of such declaration and of the owner's right to appeal such declaration. Such notice shall be served upon the owner either in person or by certified or registered mail. The owner of an animal declared vicious shall surrender the animal to the Animal Shelter within three (3) working days of receiving such notice. If the animal has bitten a person, the animal shall remain in quarantine for at least ten (10) calendar days and follow the procedures under Section 13.

12.4. Any declaration under this section may be appealed in writing by the owner to the Animal Shelter's Board of Directors within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such notification. The destruction of any animal shall be stayed during the pendency of such appeal, and the animal shall remain at the Animal Shelter during the appeal process unless the animal has already been released to the owner by the Animal Shelter Manager. The Animal Shelter's Board of Directors shall hear and render a decision in this matter. The Animal Shelter's Board of Directors shall review the information and evidence provided by any law enforcement agency, the Animal Shelter Manager, owner of said animal, any victims of said animal's behavior, or any other interested party. The Animal Shelter's Board of Directors shall then render a decision determining that: (i) the animal is not vicious; (ii) the animal may have vicious propensities and must be controlled in a specific manner as prescribed by the Animal Shelter; or (iii) the animal is vicious and should be destroyed. If the Animal Shelter's Board of Directors renders a decision that the animal is vicious and should be destroyed, the Animal Shelter shall destroy the animal. The owner of any animal declared vicious under this section shall be responsible for any expenses incurred by the Animal Shelter for the animal's impoundment, care, and destruction during the appeal process.

12.5. The decision of the Animal Shelter's Board of Directors may be subject to judicial review as provided by law. The destruction of an animal shall be stayed during such judicial review, and the animal shall remain at the Animal Shelter during such judicial review unless the animal has already been released to the owner by the Animal Shelter Manager. The owner of any animal declared vicious under this section shall be responsible for payment of any expenses incurred by the Animal Shelter for the animal's impoundment and care during the period of judicial review.

12.6. This section shall not apply to law enforcement animals or animals under the control of a government or military agency.

### **SECTION 13. RABIES CONTROL AND VACCINATION**

13.1. Any dog or cat kept within the County that is over the age of three (3) months must receive an annual rabies vaccination.

13.2. Any dog, cat, or wild mammal which bites a person shall be promptly reported to the Wabash County Health Department and Animal Shelter and shall thereupon be securely quarantined at the direction of the Wabash County Health Department for a period of not less than ten (10) days, and shall not be released from such quarantine without the written approval of the Local Health Officer. At the discretion of the Local Health Officer or law enforcement officer, such quarantine may be on the premises of the



owner or, at the owner's option and expense, in a veterinary hospital of the owner's choice that is located within Wabash County, or at the Animal Shelter. If the quarantine is the responsibility of the owner the Wabash County law enforcement shall enforce the quarantine order. An owner shall be responsible for any and all expenses incurred for the term of the quarantine. In the case of stray or wild animals, or animals whose ownership is not known, such quarantine shall be at the Animal Shelter.

13.3. When a dog or cat bite is reported, the following procedures are to be followed:

13.3.1. The law enforcement officer or Animal Shelter Manager, whichever is available to respond, shall complete an Animals Bite Report (State Form 14072) for delivery to the Public Health Nurse for proper determination at the state level.

13.3.2. The responding law enforcement officer or Animal Shelter Manager shall inform the owner to keep the animal confined and to observe it for any health problems for a period of not less than ten (10) days. At the end of such ten (10) day period, the owner may release the animal without any further contact with any official if no health problems are observed.

13.3.3. If the animal becomes ill within such ten (10) day period or any time within three (3) months thereafter, the owner shall report such illness to the Animal Shelter Manager and Wabash County Health Department. The owner shall take the animal to a licensed veterinarian and shall inform the Animal Shelter Manager of the name and address of the veterinarian. The Animal Shelter Manager shall either appear at the veterinarian's office when the animal is delivered, or contact the veterinarian's office by telephone. Any further procedures under Indiana Code 15-17-6 regarding rabies control shall then be followed.

#### **SECTION 14. REPORT OF BITE CASES**

14.1. It shall be the duty of every physician, veterinarian, or other medical practitioner, to report to the Wabash County Health Department the names and addresses of any person treated for bites inflicted by an animal, together with such information, as allowed by law, that may be helpful in rabies control not less than twenty-four (24) hours after the initial treatment for a bite.

#### **SECTION 15. RESPONSIBILITIES OF VETERINARIANS**

15.1. It shall be the duty of every veterinarian to report any diagnosis of rabies of any animal to the Wabash County Health Department and to report any suspected abuse or neglect of an animal to the Animal Shelter.

#### **SECTION 16. INVESTIGATION**

16.1. For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this ordinance and to enforce its provisions, any law enforcement officer or agent of the Animal Shelter is empowered, upon probable cause, to enter any premises upon which an animal is kept or harbored and to demand the exhibition by the owner of such animal. It is further provided that any law enforcement officer or agent of the Animal Shelter may enter the premises where an animal is reportedly kept in cruel or inhumane conditions, and demand to examine such animal and the conditions in which such animal is kept, and may take possession of such animal, when, in the discretion of any law enforcement officer or agent of the Animal Shelter, the animal requires immediate medical treatment or it is in the best interests of the animal.

**SECTION 17. INTERFERENCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, ANMIMAL SHELTER, OR ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGER PROHIBITED.**

17.1. No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any law enforcement officer or agent of the Animal Shelter in the performance of any duty of such agent, or seek to release any animal in the custody of the Animal Shelter or its agents, except as herein provided or otherwise provided by law.

**SECTION 18. FINES AND PENALTIES**

18.1. Any person or owner who violates any provision of this ordinance commits a Class C Infraction, and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each day that a violation occurs, plus any costs incurred by the Animal Shelter, plus any reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in enforcing and/or prosecuting violators of this ordinance, and shall be subject to having their animal impounded by the Animal Shelter.

18.2. Fines and penalties collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be used to defray the operating and overhead costs of the Animal Shelter.

18.3. In the event that an animal is impounded at the Animal Shelter because its owner has violated this ordinance, the person redeeming the animal by paying the prescribed fines, penalties and costs shall also pay for any medical expenses incurred for routine shots for the animal.

**SECTION 19. RECORDS**

19.1. It shall be the duty of the Animal Shelter to keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of any monies paid to or held by said Animal Shelter, which records shall be open to inspection at reasonable times by such persons responsible for similar records of the County of Wabash and may be audited at the request and cost of the County Commissioners. A written copy of such audit shall be submitted to the County Commissioners.

**SECTION 20. GOVERNING LAW**

20.1. The Animal Shelter shall be operated at all times in compliance with the laws and regulations of Wabash County, and of the State of Indiana, and of any of the various health authorities which may have jurisdiction.

**SECTION 21. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND AMENDMENTS**

21.1. This ordinance repeals all pervious ordinances and amendments thereto.

**SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE DATE**

22.1. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon it passage, approval, and publication, as required by applicable law

Adopted this 16 day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY

  
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ATTEST:

  
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