

**REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

**I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

**Note:** Moved by **motion** from the March 10, 2020 Caucus meeting.

1. REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020.

**IV. DISCUSSION:**

**Note:** Discussion items of Council rules were moved by **motion** from the March 10, 2020 Caucus meeting:

1. PROPOSED COUNCIL RULE AMENDMENTS - PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

**COUNCILMAN TROYER PROPOSALS:**

- RULE NO. 7 - ORDER OF BUSINESS
- RULE NO. 24 - TO AMEND RULES.
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**COUNCILMAN POINDEXTER COUNCIL RULE PROPOSALS PER RECOMMENDATION FROM LAW DIRECTOR HORVATH:**

- RULE NO. 12 - LETTERS A THROUGH I.  
PROPOSED COUNCIL RULE 12 AMENDMENT - Moved by **motion** from the January 21, 2020 Council meeting.

**V. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, MENCINI:**

1. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 505.23 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK ENTITLED 'MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION; PERMITTED ACTS' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Posted: 5/8/20**

*Councilman Royal*

notification form. The signed proof of notification form shall be returned to the Clerk of Council immediately after delivery of the notices.

In the event of an emergency, the twenty-four (24) hour advance notification for Special Meetings may be waived with the signatures of all the Members of Council, as applicable under the Sunshine Law.

**RULE 7: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The business of all regular meetings of the Council shall be transacted in the following order, unless the Council shall, by a majority vote (4), suspend the rule and change the order.

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- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS
- D. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
- E. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
- F. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
- G. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION
- H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
- I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS
- J. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND VERBAL APPROVAL (INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION)
- K. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS
- L. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER  
*(Amended/Verbal Approved 10/3/17 Council)*
- M. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (FIRST READING)
- N. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
- O. THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
- P. ADJOURNMENT (1/4/16 Amended/Adopted - Organizational meeting).  
REQUIRED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL  
*(Amended/Verbal Approval 9/20/16)*

**Is hereby amended to read:**

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- L. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER
- M. **FIRST READING OF NUMBERED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. (Introduction of official readings).**
- N. SECOND READING OF **NUMBERED** ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
- O. THIRD READING OF **NUMBERED** ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
- P. ADJOURNMENT

**RULE 12: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

- a. Ordinances and Resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in printed form, with the name of the Committee introducing the same endorsed thereon, or by the Mayor, except if legislation is introduced by a Councilman on the floor of Council, then it shall carry his name. All ordinances and resolutions shall be read by title only on the day introduced and shall be referred to Committee by the Presiding Officer.

Is hereby amended to read:

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**RULE 24: TO AMEND RULES**

These rules may be amended or new rules adopted by a majority vote of all voting members elected to Council. Any such alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the preceding regular meeting and shall be placed on the agenda under the order of 'J Other Communications and Petitions'. This requirement shall be waived only by a unanimous consent, with a recorded vote of all members.

Is hereby amended to read:

**RULE 24: TO AMEND RULES**

Council rules may be amended or new rules adopted by a majority vote of all voting members elected to Council. **Any such alteration or amendment shall be submitted and introduced at a Council meeting, moved by motion to a committee of the whole meeting (Caucus) for discussion purposes and if approved** shall be placed on the **next Council** agenda under the order of 'J Other Communications and Petitions'. This requirement shall be waived only by a unanimous consent with a recorded vote of all members.

AMEND COUNCIL RULE #12: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - PER COUNCILMAN SCOTT:

A: INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SHALL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COUNCIL ONLY IN PRINTED FORM, WITH THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE INTRODUCING THE SAME ENDORSED THEREON, OR BY THE MAYOR, EXCEPT IF LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED BY A COUNCILMAN ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL, THEN IT SHALL CARRY HIS NAME. ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SHALL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY ON THE DAY INTRODUCED AND SHALL BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. (ADDITION/ADOPTED 1/4/16 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)

**IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ:**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SHALL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COUNCIL ONLY IN PRINTED FORM, WITH THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE INTRODUCING THE SAME ENDORSED THEREON, OR BY THE MAYOR, EXCEPT IF LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED BY A COUNCILMAN ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL, THEN IT SHALL CARRY HIS NAME. (PER 1974-1975 COUNCIL RULES). WAS IN EFFECT FOR 41 YEARS.

C: DELIVERY TO LAW DIRECTOR: IN ORDER THAT ADEQUATE TIME MAY BE GIVEN TO THE PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHALL PRESENT REQUESTS IN WRITING, FOR LEGISLATION TO THE LAW DIRECTOR NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE TUESDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING AT WHICH SUCH LEGISLATION IS TO BE INTRODUCED. LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE LAW DIRECTOR AT LEAST ONE (1) WEEK PRECEDING INTRODUCTION TO COUNCIL. (1/4/16 AMENDED/ADOPTED- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)

**IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ:**

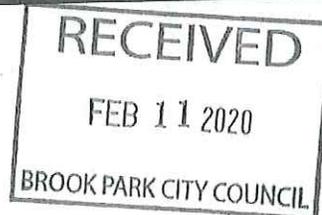
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CHANGED FROM SOLICITOR TO LAW DIRECTOR 1984-1985 COUNCIL.

THIS WOULD FULFILL THE "PAST PRACTICES"  
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*Councilman Pondefter via Law Director recommendations*

**BROOK PARK  
LAW DEPARTMENT**



# Memo

**TO:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, AND COUNCIL CLERK BLAZAK

**FROM:** Carol Dillon Horvath, Law Director

**RE:** Council Rule 12

**DATE:** February 11, 2020

**Please see the proposed italicized changes referenced below.**

## RULE 12 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

### **a) INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION TO COMMITTEE**

*New legislation shall be introduced to Committee by the President of Council upon the request of a Member of Council, Mayor of the City, or President of Council in printed form only after being read by title. Upon the request of a Member of Council, Mayor of the City, or President of Council; the President of Council shall remove new legislation from Committee and place it on the agenda of a regular council meeting, for reading by title only and for the assignment of a Resolution or Ordinance number.*

### **b) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

*Ordinances and Resolutions placed for the first time on the Agenda to be introduced as legislation in the Council shall be in printed form, and be assigned an Ordinance or Resolution number. The name of the Committee introducing the same shall be endorsed thereon, or by the Mayor, except if legislation is introduced by a Councilman on the floor of Council, then it shall carry his name. All ordinances and resolutions shall be read by title only on the day introduced and shall be referred to Committee by the Presiding Officer, or shall have its first reading after a majority vote of council for first reading.*

**c) DELIVERY TO COUNCIL:** All copies of Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered at any Council meeting shall be in the hands of, or delivered to, the regular place of delivery (mailbox) for each Member of Council, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time the meeting commences.

**d) DELIVERY TO LAW DIRECTOR:** In order that adequate time may be given to the preparation of legislation, Members of Council shall present requests, in writing, for legislation to the Law Director not later than 5:00 p.m.

on the Tuesday preceding the meeting at which such legislation is to be introduced. Legislation to be introduced under suspension of the rules must be presented to the Law Director at least one (1) week preceding introduction to Council. (1/4/16 Amended/Adopted - Organizational meeting).

- e) **PREPARATION BY LAW DIRECTOR:** All proposed Ordinances shall be certified by the City Law Director that they are in correct form. The Mayor shall attach to each Ordinance proposed by him a brief digest of the provisions thereof, and where it is proposed to amend an existing Ordinance, such digest shall indicate the change sought to be made.
- f) **APPROVAL BY FINANCE DIRECTOR ON APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES:** The Law Director shall not prepare any Ordinances nor shall the Mayor approve any Ordinances providing for the appropriation of money, unless the same shall show fully the purpose of the appropriation and fund to which it is to be charged. (Amended 2/3/98 – Verbal Approval.)
- g) The procedures for enacting Ordinances or Resolutions shall follow the laws of the State of Ohio, any additional stipulations as may be found elsewhere in this Charter, and any provisions adopted by a majority vote of Council, provided, however, that each Ordinance or Resolution shall be read by title only three (3) different days unless six (6) of the Members of Council eligible to vote, vote to dispense with the rules to read Ordinances or Resolutions on three (3) different days, and no other provisions of this Charter nor the general laws of Ohio shall impair or limit this rule. It shall be the expressed intent of this Section that all Ordinances and Resolutions shall be read by title only, unless there is necessity to read an Ordinance or Resolution fully and distinctly at least once at any time before passage, as determined by a majority of Members elected to Council. (Amended per City Charter 11/7/95.)

Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Member of Council, the President of Council, or the Mayor of the City from introducing emergency legislation on the floor of the Council meeting. In addition, nothing shall preclude such an ordinance or resolution from being passed at said Council meeting; provided however that it shall be fully and distinctly read once and the rule of three readings shall have been dispensed with by a vote of six (6) of the Members of Council eligible to vote. (Amended per City Charter 11/7/95.)

- h) A motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring three readings on separate days shall be debatable.
- i) **EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES:** All Ordinances, except emergency Ordinances shall take effect upon the earliest date allowed by law after the date of their passage and publication, unless a later date be indicated therein.
- j) **AMENDING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS:** It shall be in order to amend a Resolution or Ordinance at any time, but if such Ordinance or Resolution be of general or permanent nature, and such amendment is made after the second reading, it shall be read as amended, as the second reading, and laid over to the next meeting for final action. (Amended 1/17/95 – Verbal Approval.)
- k) Any item placed on the table at a Council meeting may only be taken from the table at a Council meeting. If on the table for 90 days, it must be returned to the floor for legal action at the next regular scheduled Council meeting.
- l) **ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR FOR FINAL APPROVAL:** The Mayor shall be entitled to a seat in Council, but shall have no vote therein. coming before He shall have the right to recommend and introduce legislation and take part in the discussion of all matters Council.

Every ordinance passed or resolution adopted shall be signed by the President of Council or other presiding officer and presented promptly to the Mayor by the Clerk of Council. If the Mayor approves such ordinance or resolution he shall sign and return it to the Clerk of Council within ten (10) days after its passage or adoption by Council, but if he does not approve it he shall deliver it within ten (10) days together with his written objections thereto, to the Clerk of Council, who shall forthwith return it to Council. The Mayor's objection shall be read at the next Council meeting and be entered in full on the Journal of Council. The Mayor may approve or disapprove the whole or any section of an

ordinance or resolution. When the Mayor disapproves any section of an ordinance or a resolution, it will not affect the remaining sections of such ordinance or resolution, but otherwise his approval or disapproval shall be addressed to the entire ordinance or resolution.

If the Mayor does not return an ordinance or resolution within the time limit provided in this Section, it shall take effect in the same manner as if he had signed it. When the Mayor disapproves an ordinance or resolution, or any part thereof, and returns it to the Council with his objections, Council shall, but not later than its next regular meeting, reconsider it and, if such ordinance, resolution or section is approved by the vote of at least five (5) of all Members of Council it shall become effective notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor. (Amended per City Charter 11/7/95.)



Carol Dillon Horvath

CDH/ks  
Attachment

## January 21, 2020 proposed Council rule amendments

### RULE 12: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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### Is hereby amended to read:

a. **LEGISLATION INTRODUCTION: doesn't have to be read and** shall be introduced in the Council only in printed form, with the name of the Committee introducing the same endorsed thereon, or by the Mayor, except if legislation is introduced by a Councilman on the floor of Council, then it shall carry his name. All ordinances and resolutions shall be read by title only on the day introduced and shall be referred to Committee by the Presiding Officer.

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shall impair or limit this rule. It shall be the expressed intent of this Section that all Ordinances and Resolutions shall be read by title only, unless there is necessity to read an Ordinance or Resolution fully and distinctly at least once at any time before passage, as determined by a majority of Members elected to Council.

Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Member of Council, the President of Council, or the Mayor of the City from introducing emergency legislation on the floor of the Council meeting. In addition, nothing shall preclude such an ordinance or resolution from being passed at said Council meeting; provided however that it shall be fully and distinctly read once and the rule of three readings shall have been dispensed with by a vote of six (6) of the Members of Council eligible to vote. (Amended per City Charter 11/7/95.)

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addressed to the entire ordinance or resolution.

If the Mayor does not return an ordinance or resolution within the time limit provided in this Section, it shall take effect in the same manner as if he had signed it. When the Mayor disapproves an ordinance or resolution, or any part thereof, and returns it to the Council with his objections, Council shall, but not later than its next regular meeting, reconsider it and, if such ordinance, resolution or section is approved by the vote of at least five (5) of all Members of Council it shall become effective notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

**Please note:** If the proposed Council 12 rule amendments are approved by Council the revised rules will include bold and underlined headings:

P/C 4/21/20 Legislative  
Cau 5-12-20  
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3<sup>rd</sup> R  
B/C

CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR GAMMELLA

AN ORDINANCE

ENACTING SECTION 505.23 OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK ENTITLED "MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION; PERMITTED ACTS", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Brook Park has determined that a process of trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, ear-tipping and returning cats to their original location is an effective and humane way to manage the population of cats within the City of Brook Park; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that this process, known as Trap-Neuter-Return, is the preferred approach for managing the cat population, and that Trap-Neuter-Return shall be the prioritized disposition for any impounded community cats.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: Section 505.23 of the Brook Park Codified Ordinances, entitled 'Management of Cat Population; Permitted Acts' is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**505.23 Management of Cat Population; Permitted Acts.**

- (a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
1. "Community Cat" is a member of the domestic species *Felis Catus* and shall mean a free-roaming cat who may be cared for by one or more residents of the immediate area who is/are known or unknown; a community cat may or may not be feral. Community cats are not wildlife.
  2. "Community Cat Caregiver" shall mean a person who, in accordance with and pursuant to a policy of Trap-Neuter-Return, 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 removal of the distal one-quarter of a community cat's left ear, which is approximately 3/8-inch or 1 cm, in an adult and proportionally smaller in a kitten. This procedure is performed under sterile conditions while the cat is under anesthesia, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Eartips are designed to identify a community cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies.
4. "Trap-Neuter-Return" shall mean the process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning community cats to their original location.

(b) Permitted Acts. The following actions shall be permitted in Brook Park as part 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 carrying out Trap-Neuter-Return and/or returning eartipped community cats to their original locations.
4. A person who returns a community cat to its original location while conducting Trap-Neuter-Return is not deemed to have abandoned the cat.
5. Trap-Neuter-Return shall be the preferred disposition for impounded community cats. Animal control and the local shelter are authorized and encouraged to conduct Trap-Neuter-Return or to direct impounded community cats to a Trap-Neuter-Return program.

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

SECTION 3: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for further reason that Council desire to enact Section 505.23, therefore, provided this ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN  
INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM  
AND CORRECTNESS

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF LAW

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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