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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2019

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN BURGIO, Edward Mayer Gammella

A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF OHIO SENATE BILL 205  
WHICH WOULD INCREASE PENALTIES UNDER GODDARD'S LAW,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 205 has been introduced in the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, under the current Goddard's Law (H.B. 60), makes it a fifth degree felony to purposely abuse a companion animal; and

WHEREAS, further under the current Goddard's Law, people who are convicted of a fifth degree felony are spending little to no time in prison for the most horrendous acts against companion animals; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 205 if passed in its current form would increase the penalty for the current Goddard's Law to a third degree felony. It would also add a fourth-degree felony.

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

SECTION 1: This Council does hereby declare its support for passage of Senate Bill 205 to amend the current Goddard's Law penalty section from a fifth degree felony to a third degree felony and the felony would not be expungable.

SECTION 2: The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Senate President Larry Obhof, Senator Jay Hottinger, and Senator Sean Obrien.

SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution 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 actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4:** This Resolution 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 to support the passage of Senate Bill 205; therefore, provided this Resolution 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: October 15, 2019

Michael Keenan  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: [Signature]  
MAYOR

10-15-19  
DATE

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

[Signature]  
DIRECTOR OF LAW

CERTIFICATE

Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance/Resolution

No. 33-2019  
passed on the 15th day of October  
2019 by said council

Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

I, Michelle Blazak, Clerk of Council for the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper of general circulation in the municipality and that publication of the foregoing ordinances/resolutions was made by posting true copies at six of the most public places in said municipality as determined by Ordinance No. 4838-1975: Holland Road, #1 Fire Station 5590 Smith Road, #2 Fire Station 22530 Ruple Parkway, #3 Fire Station 17401 Holland Road, Brook Park Library 6165 Engle Road, for a period of fifteen days.

commencing October 15, 2019  
Michelle Blazak  
MICHELLE BLAZAK  
Clerk of Council

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