

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
ORDINANCE 2021-021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE VILLAGE OF  
VERNON HILLS REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICLE PARKING AND  
UNATTENDED ANIMALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Vernon Hills (“Village”) is a home rule municipality as defined by Article VII, § 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and that protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Village’s powers as a home rule municipality and pursuant to the express grant of authority as set forth in Division 2.1 of Article I of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2.1-1 et seq.), and the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-208), inter alia, which allow the Village to provide by ordinance for a system of administrative adjudication of certain violations of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances (the “Village Code”); and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities of the Village have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village that certain amendments be made to the Village Code, to include new and lesser-included offenses that will be addressed under the Village’s system of administrative adjudication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Amendments to Village Code.** The Code of Ordinances of the Village of Vernon Hills shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 4, Article I of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add new Subsection 4-5(d), as follows:

Section 4-5 – Cruelty to Animals.

[...]

(d) No person shall leave an animal unattended inside of a vehicle for a period of more than five (5) minutes and less than fifteen (15) minutes, without providing the animal a proper amount of heat or cooling commensurate with the outdoor climate. This subsection shall not be read to limit the penalty for any other provision of this section related to leaving animals unattended for more than fifteen minutes, or in any other location in the Village other than in a vehicle.

Chapter 22, Article III, Division 1 of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances is hereby amended, to add new Subsection 22-256(d), and to amend 22-267(f), as follows:

Section 22-256 – Prohibited in Specified Places.

[...]

(d) If a person provides proof at administrative hearing that they were in possession of a permit that would allow the vehicle to be parked in the areas considered below under the “Street and Highway Permit Restrictions” table of this section that require a Village-issued permit to park a vehicle, but the permit was not displayed at the time of the issuance of the citation for the parking violation, the person may be assessed a fine of \$25.00, and shall not be subject to the costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of the vehicle.

[...]

Section 22-267 – Handicapped parking; vehicle registration plates; issuance; penalty.

[...]

(f) Any person or entity found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (e) of this section shall be fined \$100.00 in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle or self-propelled vehicle parking in spaces designated for the parking of any vehicle operated by or for a handicapped person or disabled veteran. If a person provides proof at administrative hearing that they were in possession of a permit that would allow the vehicle to be parked in the areas considered under subsection (e) of this section, but the permit was not displayed at the time of the issuance of the citation for the parking violation, the person may be assessed a fine of \$25.00, and shall not be subject to the costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of the vehicle.

Chapter 28 of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

28-4 – Fines for violations, community service.

[...]

CLASS 1 OFFENSES

<b>ANIMALS</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>Keeping of certain animals prohibited; exceptions</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b><u>ANIMALS</u></b>	<b><u>4-5(d)</u></b>	<b><u>Cruelty to Animals; Unattended Animals</u></b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b>ANIMALS</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>Birds protected</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

[...]

<b>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>22-256</b>	<b>Commercial vehicles in residential area (over 2-hours)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b><u>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</u></b>	<b><u>22-256(d)</u></b>	<b><u>Prohibited in Specified Places; Permit Required (permit produced at hearing)</u></b>	<b><u>\$25.00</u></b>
<b>TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<b>22-257</b>	<b>Commercial vehicles in residential area (over 2-hours)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

[...]

TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES	22-266	Parking motor vehicles on private property	\$25.00
TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES	<u>22-267(f)</u>	<u>Handicapped parking; vehicle registration plates; issuance; penalty (permit produced at hearing).</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES	22-271	Parking at Vernon Hills High School (unless otherwise posted)	\$25.00

**SECTION 3. Intent and Purpose.** That officials, officers and employees of the Village are hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021

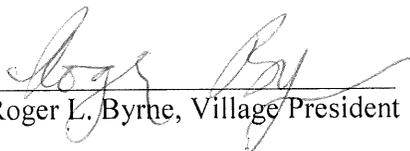
Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7 – Byrne, Schultz, Marquardt, Takaoka, Forster, Koch, Oppenheim

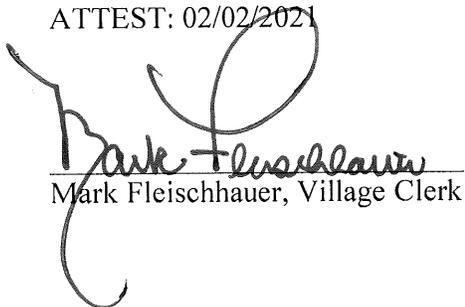
NAYS: 0 -None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 – None

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Illinois.

  
Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 02/02/2021  
APPROVED: 02/02/2021  
ATTEST: 02/02/2021

  
Mark Fleischhauer, Village Clerk

