

RESOLUTION NO. 077-2025

Amend Resolution 060-2025, Updating ORC Code Section

Be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Olmsted Township, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, that:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Olmsted Township recognizes the need to promote public peace and quiet in residential areas and to address disturbances caused by habitual and excessive dog barking; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 955.221(C) authorizes a board of township trustees to adopt resolutions regulating the harboring of dogs that create noise disturbances; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the habitual and frequent barking, howling, or yelping of dogs that disturbs the peace and quiet of residents constitutes a public nuisance and must be addressed for the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that such disturbances are reasonably subject to enforcement as a minor misdemeanor, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 955.99(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Olmsted Township, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. No person shall keep or harbor any dog within Olmsted Township which by frequent and habitual barking, howling, or yelping creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of any person residing within the Township. Any person who allows any dog habitually to remain, be lodged, or be fed within any dwelling, building, yard, or enclosure which said person owns or occupies shall be deemed to be harboring such dog.

SECTION 2. Any person who violates this Resolution shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor, punishable as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 955.99 (A). Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. The Olmsted Township Police Department, in coordination with the Township Administration and, when necessary, the Cuyahoga County Dog Warden, is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Resolution, including the issuance of warnings or citations based on reasonable complaints or officer observations.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall not conflict with any applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code or other county regulations related to animal control, and it shall be interpreted consistent with the authority granted to townships under ORC 955.221.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Township Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted the 17th day of July, 2025

Attest: Brian W. Gullett
Township Fiscal Officer

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Township Trustees