

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE REMOVAL OF ANIMAL EXCREMENT

WHEREAS, the animal excrement of domestic animals left on public or private property constitutes a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, persons responsible for domestic animals should be required to remove and properly dispose of the excrement of domestic animals.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA:

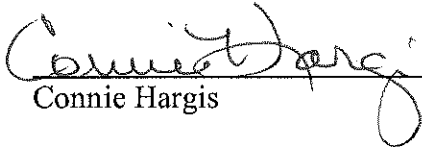
- (a) Domestic animal includes dogs, cats, domesticated sheep, horses, cattle, goats, swine, fowl, ducks, geese, turkeys, confined domestic hares and rabbits, pheasants, and other birds and animals raised and/or maintained in confinement.
- (b) The owner, custodian, or person in possession or control of any domestic animal shall promptly remove and properly dispose of any excrement deposited by the owner's, custodian's, or possessor's domestic animal within the City in any public park or recreation area, or on any streets, sidewalks, or other public rights-of-way, or private property owned or occupied by someone other than the owner, custodian, or person in charge of said domestic animal.
- (c) Any person who brings a domestic animal into any public park or recreation area or on any street, sidewalk or other public right-of-way, or on private property owned or occupied by someone other than the owner or person in charge of said animal, shall have in his or her possession an animal waster container, removal material or other device suitable for the removal and proper disposal of animal excrement.
- (d) Any excrement not removed in violation of subsection (a) above is declared to be a public nuisance.
- (e) Any person who violates subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of each subsection.
- (f) Exception: This section shall not apply to a licensed animal specially trained to guide and/or assist its owner, custodian or person in possession of said animal, who is legally blind or incapacitated by a medically diagnosed disability. This

section also shall not apply to specially trained and licensed animals used by law enforcement officers or fire investigators in the conduct of their official duties.


This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 2024.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA

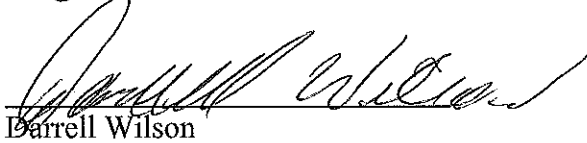


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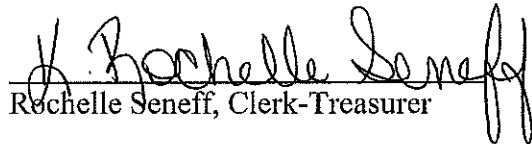
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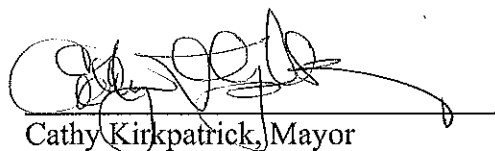
Rochelle Seneff, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Rockport, Indiana on the 11th
day of July, 2024 at 5:00 p. m.



Rochelle Seneff, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me, the Mayor of the City of Rockport, on
the 11 day of July, 2024 at 6:30 p. m.



Cathy Kirkpatrick, Mayor