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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council President Schutt and Members of Council
FROM: Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration
Frank Stupczy, Service Director
DATE: January 2, 2025
RE: **Animal Warden Policy**

Attached is the new Animal Warden Policy that was recently discussed with Council. The major policy change from past practice is placing a limitation on when the cost of trapping services will be covered by the Village. Residents regularly call the Village for trapping services, sometimes if an animal is damaging their property or nesting under their deck, but sometimes because an animal knocks over their garbage can or they see a skunk in their yard. When trapping is requested, the Animal Warden comes out, baits and sets a trap, and comes by every day for a week to check the trap, for a fee of \$200. If an animal is caught, the Animal Warden is required to euthanize it. If the animal is not caught, the resident will typically request that the trap be reset for another week. Over the past year, the Service Department has tried to limit trapping services to one trapping per residence per year, but that has not been particularly effective, as residents then ask their neighbors to call for trapping.

As you can see, the new written policy provides for trapping only under certain circumstances—if the animal is causing structural damage or is nesting near the resident's home or garage. There is no limit per residence per year, and conditions will have to be confirmed by the Animal Warden in order to be billed to the Village. The new policy also includes language that the resident must follow the instructions of the Animal Warden to be eligible for trapping services as, many times, residents who request trapping are unwilling to stop feeding the birds or other animals, drawing unwanted wildlife to their property.

The Animal Warden has reviewed the new policy and has agreed to work with the Village to ensure that it is followed. If Council has any questions or concerns, please advise us as quickly as possible as we would like to begin implementing the new policy and communicating it to residents. Thank you for your attention.

cc: Brenda T. Bodnar, Mayor
Diane A. Calta, Law Director
Department Heads

ANIMAL WARDEN POLICY

effective January 1, 2025

Chapter 505 of the Mayfield Village Codified Ordinances provides that the Village shall appoint or employ an Animal Warden to:

- 1) Apprehend domestic animals (generally dogs) running at large;
- 2) Quarantine an animal or dog that has bitten a person; and
- 3) Provide a shelter to keep impounded animals until they are retrieved by their owner.

Mayfield Village utilizes the Animal Warden to remove dead, sick or injured animals and covers the fee for these services, even if the animal is on private property. The Animal Warden will also provide advice to residents if they are experiencing animal issues inside or outside their home.

The Village will provide outdoor trapping services for wildlife in the following circumstances, as determined and confirmed by the Animal Warden:

- 1) If the animal is causing damage to the resident's home, foundation or other structure; or
- 2) If the animal is nesting near the resident's home or garage.

IN NO EVENT WILL MAYFIELD VILLAGE COVER THE COST OF TRAPPING IF THE RESIDENT FAILS TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE ANIMAL WARDEN REGARDING NECESSARY ACTIONS TO PREVENT A REPEAT OF THE ISSUE, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF FOOD SOURCES (INCLUDING BIRD FEEDERS).

MAYFIELD VILLAGE WILL NOT COVER THE COST OF TRAPPING WILDLIFE THAT KNOCKS OVER GARBAGE CANS OR IS SEEN WALKING THROUGH A RESIDENT'S PROPERTY.

Mayfield Village has appointed A&S Animal Control as the Animal Warden and has entered into a contract effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Residents that require trapping, advice on animal issues, or animal removal services, should call the Service Department at 440-442-5506 (7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday) or Police Dispatch at 440-461-1234 (evenings and weekends).

For animal control services that are not covered by Mayfield Village, residents may contact A&S Animal Control directly or seek services from another animal control service provider:

A & S Animal Control (<https://www.asanimalcontrol.com/>)

7368 Oakhill Road

Oakwood Village, OH 44146

Phone: 440-439-7359

Fax: 440-439-0534

E-mail: asanimalcontrol@yahoo.com

A&S is a 24-hour-a-day business. If there is no answer, leave a phone number and your call will be returned.