

**RESOLUTION NO.17-35, 2017**  
**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**TETHERING DOGS**

**WHEREAS**, a board of township trustees is authorized by Section 955.221(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code to adopt and enforce resolutions to control dogs within the township, if the township is located in a county where the board of county commissioners has not adopted resolutions to control dogs within the unincorporated territories of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, to the knowledge of the members of this Board, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners has not passed a resolution pertaining to the control of dogs in the unincorporated territories of Hamilton County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 959.131 of the Ohio Revised Code affords certain protections for animals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to place restrictions on the tethering of dogs within the township;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens:

SECTION I. No person shall tether an animal in any of the following circumstances:

- (A) For more than six (6) hours total in a twenty-four (24) hour period and not more than two (2) consecutive hours with no less than a one (1) hour period between tetherings;
- (B) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
- (C) If a heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or by the National Weather Service;
- (D) If a severe weather warning has been issued by a local or state authority or the National Weather Service;
- (E) If the tether is less than twenty (20) feet in length
- (F) If the tether allows the animal to touch the fence or cross the property line or onto public property
- (G) If the tether is attached by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, or choke-type collar or if the collar is unsafe or is not properly fitted;
- (H) If the tether may cause injury or entanglement;
- (I) If the animal is not provided with its needs as identified
- (J) If the tether is made of a material that is unsuitable for the animal's size and weight or that causes any unnecessary discomfort to the animal;
- (K) If no owner or occupant is present at the premises.

SECTION II. As used in this section, "tether" means a rope, chain, cord, dog run or pulley, or similar restraint for holding an animal in place, allowing a radius in which it can move about.

SECTION III. Whoever violates any provision contained in Section I of this resolution is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day of continued violation of any provision contained in Section I constitutes a separate offense.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: Mrs. Hughes

Seconded by: Mr. Kritikos

<b>TRUSTEE</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
David Kubicki, President	_____	_____	_____
Susan Hughes, Vice-President	_____	_____	_____
Chris Kritikos, Trustee	_____	_____	_____
<b>ATTEST:</b>	_____		_____
	Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer		

*Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017*