

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 0-10-26

TO AMEND SECTION 90.01 OF THE MARIEMONT CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE  
EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Safety Committee for the Village of Mariemont has previously recommended amending Section 90.01 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to improve the safety of the residents whose property abuts designated public spaces that were previously permitted to have animals running at large, the Safety Committee recommends that Section 90.01 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances be modified to eliminate certain areas where animals can run at large.

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to maintain an off-leash area for animals within the Village, the Safety Committee recommends that Section 90.01 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances maintains the South 80 Trail area, but to also require a registration process and fee for those who wish to utilize this privilege.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF  
MARIEMONT, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS DULY ELECTED  
THERE TO CONCURRING:**

**SECTION I.** That Section 90.01 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances which currently reads as follows:

*(A) Animals running at large.*

*(1)(a) Any person who is the owner or has charge of any animal shall not permit it to run at large in the public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon unenclosed land, or permit them to go upon any private yard, lot, or enclosure. Any such time that a dog is not in an enclosed and secured area on its owner's property, it shall be under positive leash control of the owner, keeper, or harbinger of the dog.*

*(b) Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in division (A)(1)(a) above, an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog may allow the dog to run off leash at Ann Buntin Becker Park, Dogwood Bell Tower Park, the green space on the south side of Miami Bluff Drive between 6812 Miami Bluff and 6973 Miami Bluff, including the Mariemont Concourse, the lower 80 acres, the grassy boulevard between Hiawatha Avenue and Rembold Avenue, and the practice field at Waldorf School; provided that the dogs must be under positive leash control while in sports field area of Dog Park and the practice field by Waldorf School during sporting activities. No dogs shall be permitted in the Tot Lot area of Dog Park.*

*(c) This division (A)(1) shall go into effect at the earliest date allowed by law.*

*(2) No person shall cause animals to be herded, kept, or detained for the purpose of grazing on premises other than those owned or occupied by the owner or keeper thereof without the consent of the owner of the premises.*

*(3) The running at large of such animal in or upon any of the places mentioned in divisions (A)(1) and (A)(2) above is prima facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this section. (R.C. §§ 951.01, 951.02)*

*(4) Whoever violates this division (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (R.C. § 951.99)*

*(5) The owner or keeper of an animal described herein who permits it to run at large in violation of this section, is liable for all damages caused by such animal upon the premises of another without reference to the fence which may enclose such premises. (R.C. § 951.10)*

shall be amended to read as follows:

*(A) Animals running at large.*

*(1)(a) Any person who is the owner or has charge of any animal shall not permit it to run at large in the public road, park, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon unenclosed land, or permit them to go upon any private yard, lot, or enclosure. Any such time that a dog is not in an enclosed and secured area on its owner's property, it shall be under positive leash control of the owner, keeper, or harbinger of the dog.*

*(b) Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in division (A)(1)(a) above, an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog may allow the dog to run off leash at the South 80 acres. Provided, however, that any such unleashed dog at the South 80 acres shall be under positive voice command of the owner, keeper, or harbinger.*

*(c) Any responsible dog owner with no record of violations who wishes their animal to run off leash in the South 80 acres must have it registered with the Village of Mariemont and pay a registration fee. Registration requirements and records will be maintained by the Mariemont Police Department.*

*(d) This division (A)(1) shall go into effect at the earliest date allowed by law.*

*(2) No person shall cause animals to be herded, kept, or detained for the purpose of grazing on premises other than those owned or occupied by the owner or keeper thereof without the consent of the owner of the premises.*

*(3) The running at large of such animal in divisions (A)(1) and (A)(2) above is prima facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this section. (R.C. §§ 951.01, 951.02)*

*(4) Whoever violates this division (A) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offenses are guilty of a misdemeanor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.*

*(5) The owner or keeper of an animal described herein is liable for all damages caused by such animal upon the premises of another without reference to the fence which may enclose such premises. (R.C. § 951.10)*

*(6) Any Owner who desires to have their dog run unleashed at the South 80 acres is required to display a valid Village-issued ID Tag for each dog (to be managed and administered by the Police Department, at a one-time fee. The fee amount shall be reviewed periodically by the Police Department and adjusted as necessary).*

*(7) The Chief of Police may revoke a registration for any violation of the rules and laws stated herein.*

*(8) Dogs or other pets are not permitted at any time in the enclosed Tot Lot area of Dogwood Park, except for assistance dogs as permitted under R.C. §§ 955.43 (B).*

**SECTION II.** That all other provisions in Section 90.01 shall remain in full force and effect.

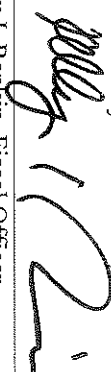
**SECTION III.** That this Ordinance shall be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village of Mariemont. The reason for the emergency is to remove the serious safety concern that dogs are still allowed off leash in our public parks when young children are present.

Passed: May 26, 2026

  
William A. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

I, Kelly Rankin, Fiscal Officer of Council of the Village of Mariemont, Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper printed in said municipality and that publication of the foregoing Ordinance was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five of the most public places in said corporation as determined by the Council, as follows: the Concourse, Miami Bluff and Flintpoint Way; the Tennis Court property, on the east side of Plainville Road between Maple and Chestnut Streets; the site of the Municipal Building. Wooster Pike and Crystal Springs Road; the northeast corner of the intersection of Rembold and Miami Road inside the enclosure; the northwest corner of the Old Town Center, intersection of Chestnut and Oak Streets; each for a period of fifteen days commencing on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly I. Rankin", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer