

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2024
VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT
COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK

A Local Law Related to the Control of Cats

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Middleport as follows:

Village code, Chapter 63 Animals shall be amended by adding the following Article III:

Article III Cats

§63-12 Licensing. (Reserved)

§63-13 Restricted acts. For purposes hereof, when any cat is in violation of the provisions of this section the owner shall be deemed to have permitted or suffered the cat to have committed such violation.

(1) No cat shall be fed outdoors or in any area which provides unfettered indoor/outdoor access within the Village of Middleport, unless such feeding is within the immediate and constant presence of the owner.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, water or otherwise attract or create conditions in the Village of Middleport which allow cats, domesticated or feral, to accumulate on the property or otherwise endanger the health, safety and welfare of the other residents of the Village of Middleport.

(3) No owner shall permit or suffer any cat to commit a nuisance in a public highway, public building, park, or on any private property except with the consent of the owner of the property thereof.

(4) No person shall permit or allow a cat to enter upon another's property and scratch, claw or deface said property, damage lawns, flowers, bushes or shrubbery or to scatter trash or garbage placed out for collection.

(5) No person shall permit the premises, structure or enclosure in which such cat is kept to be unclean or unsanitary.

(6) No owner shall permit a cat to deposit excrement or urine on the property of another without the prior approval of the owner of such property, unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of.

(7) No owner shall permit a cat to deposit urine or excrement on the property of the Village of Middleport, including but not limited to any sidewalk, street, park, playground, or parking lot, unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of.

(8) No owner shall permit a cat from causing a nuisance by howling in a habitual, consistent, or persistent manner that repeatedly disturbs the peace of the neighborhood.

§63-14 Enforcement. The Code Enforcement Officer, other individual designated by the Village Board, or any police officer may enforce the provisions of this Article.

§63-15 Penalties for offenses. A violation of this article shall constitute an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate offense.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State.