

ORDINANCE NO.: 101 -2022
INTRODUCED BY: Lentine

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 501.99 OF CHAPTER 501, "GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PENALTY", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD A PROVISION FOR FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED IN THE COMMISSION OF OFFENSES OF CHAPTER 549, "WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES".

WHEREAS, the City has all powers of home rule which may now or hereafter lawfully be possessed or exercised by municipalities under the laws of the state of Ohio, including the power to make regulations for the safety, health and welfare of its citizens and all those who work in and visit the City;

WHEREAS, providing for the forfeiture of property used or intended to be used in the commission of offenses of Chapter 549, "Weapons and Explosives", within the City will further the protection of the public safety, health and welfare;

WHEREAS, this Council desires to amend Section 501.99 to add a provision for the forfeiture of property used or intended to be used in the commission of offenses of Chapter 549, "Weapons and Explosives", to protect and promote the public safety, health and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Section 501.99, "Penalties for Misdemeanors", of Chapter 501, "General Provisions and Penalty", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Richmond Heights is hereby amended to add new subpart (d) as follows:

501.99 PENALTIES FOR MISDEMEANORS.

(d) Forfeiture. In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender for violation of Chapter 549, Weapons and Explosives, of these Codified Ordinances, the court shall order the forfeiture of any property that is an instrumentality that is used or intended to be used in the commission of the offense, in accordance with the provisions of Revised Code Chapter 2981, as is now or may be hereafter enacted.


Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: September 27, 2022

APPROVED: September 27, 2022 
Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: Betsy Traben
Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council


Bobby Jordan
President of Council