AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS AT PET STORES IN THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE

WHEREAS, the Village of Buffalo Grove is a Home Rule Unit pursuant to the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2018, at the Village Board meeting, a policy question was asked whether the Village of Buffalo Grove should prohibit or regulate the sale of pets in pet stores within its corporate limits; discussion on the policy question followed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board heard in a series of meetings, various positions on the policy question as presented by numerous citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has researched the regulations on the retail sale of dogs and cats at Pet Stores in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village to prohibit the retail sale of dogs and cats at Pet Stores in the Village of Buffalo Grove; and

WHEREAS, a Pet Store shall mean a retail establishment where dogs and cats are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. There is hereby established a prohibition of the retail sale of any dogs and cats at Pet Stores in the Village of Buffalo Grove.

Section 3. That consistent with this prohibition, Title 6, Animals, of the Village Code shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 6.12.190 Prohibition of Retail Sales of Dog and Cats - It shall be unlawful for any Pet Store in the Village to sell any dog or cat. Pet Store is defined as a retail establishment where dogs and/or cats are sold, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail.
6.12.190.010 Violation / Penalties – Any violation of this Chapter shall be punishable as provided in Section 1.08 and/or 1.12 of this Code.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

AYES:_____________________________________________

NAYES:___________________________________________

ABSENT:___________________________________________

PASSED:___________________________________________, 2019

APPROVED:_________________________________________, 2019

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Beverly Sussman, Village President

ATTEST:

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Janet Sirabian, Village Clerk