

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION TO ELIMINATE ALL REFERENCES TO THE PET REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** Section 3-1-1 (*Definitions*) of the City Code is amended to read:

~~(10) REGISTRATION FEE means the annual fee charged by the City for the registration of a dog or cat.~~

(10) ~~(11)~~ RESTRAINT used with respect to a dog or cat means:

- (a) kept in a secure enclosure; or
- (b) kept under the direct physical control of the animal's owner or handler by a leash, cord, chain, or similar direct physical control.

(11) ~~(12)~~ RUNNING AT LARGE means an animal not:

- (a) under the direct physical control of its owner or handler; or
- (b) physically restrained within the premises of its owner or handler.

(12) ~~(13)~~ SMALL ANIMAL means a small animal kept domestically, including a rabbit, guinea pig, rat, mouse, hamster, or gerbil.

**PART 2.** Section 3-1-24 (*Release of Impounded Animal*) of the City Code is amended to read:

Except as provided in Section 3-1-23 (*Fee Waivers*), the city manager may not release an animal impounded under this title unless the owner or handler:

- (1) pays all applicable fees, including the impound fee; and
- (2) for a dog or cat, provides proof of current ~~[registration and]~~ vaccination or ~~[pays the registration and]~~ vaccinates the animal.

**PART 3.** Section 3-3-3 (*City-Sponsored Vaccination Clinics*) of the City Code is amended to read:

The health authority may sponsor may sponsor rabies vaccination [~~and registration~~] clinics.

**PART 4.** Chapter 3-4 (*Regulation of Dogs and Cats*), Article 2 of the City Code is repealed.

**PART 5.** Chapter 3-4 (*Regulations of Dogs and Cats*), Article 3 is renumbered as Article 2.

**PART 6.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Mayor

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City Attorney

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