

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1-26 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE TIMELINE OF THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.**

**WHEREAS**, Austin citizens have voiced concern that there is not adequate time to locate lost animals during weekends and holidays at the Town Lake Animal Center before animals are euthanized; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the homeless and lost animals to provide ample opportunity to be reclaimed by their owners or be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Advisory Commission unanimously recommended to the City Council to amend Section 3-1-26 of the City Code to provide more opportunity for owners to locate lost animals on weekends and holidays;

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

**PART 1.** Section 3-1-26 of the City Code is amended to read:

**§ 3-1-26 DISPOSITION OF AN UNCLAIMED IMPOUNDED ANIMAL.**

(A) Except as provided in Subsection (B) and Section 3-5-4 (Destruction of a Dangerous Animal), not earlier than the third business day after an unclaimed animal has been impounded, excluding the date of impound, the health authority may dispose of the animal as authorized by state and local law, including placement, sale, or destruction.

(B) The health authority may destroy an animal earlier than three business days after the date of impound if the health authority obtains an opinion from a veterinarian stating that the animal is sick or injured and that destruction is necessary to avoid unnecessary suffering by the animal.

**PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Lee Leffingwell  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Kennard  
Acting City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk

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