

ORDINANCE NO. F-0457

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHEATON: PROHIBITION AGAINST FEEDING FERAL CATS AND DOGS

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton is an Illinois Home Rule Municipality having those powers not prohibited by State law; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate authorities of the City of Wheaton find that feral cats and dogs have become a problem in the City of Wheaton in that they constitute health and environmental risks to properly licensed domesticated animals; wildlife and persons; and

WHEREAS, the feeding of feral cats and dogs encourages feral cat and dog proliferation and the presence of feral cats and dogs in the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois that Chapter 14, of the Wheaton City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14.1 entitled "Definitions" of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Wheaton is hereby amended the inclusion of a definition of "feral cats and dogs" which shall be categorized alphabetically and which shall read as follows:

"FERAL CAT or DOG means any cat or dog which is not licensed by the City of Wheaton or any other municipality, and which is not a puppy or kitten less than 4 months of age old born to a dog or cat licensed within the City of Wheaton or any other municipality."

Section 2: That Chapter 14, Article IV, "Prohibited Acts and Conditions" is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 14-102 which shall be entitled "Feeding Feral Cats and Dogs Prohibited" and which shall read as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to feed any feral cat or dog within the City of Wheaton, except after confinement of the feral cat or dog within a kennel authorized by the Wheaton Zoning Ordinance and operated in conformance with the Wheaton City Code."

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 4: That if any part or portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 5: This ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form in the manner described by law.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily M. Canevalo
City Clerk

Ayes:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Davenport
Councilman Eckhoff
Councilman Gresk
Mayor Carr
Councilman Johnson
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Mork

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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