

BILL NO. 2024-21

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1495

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 205.380 TO CHAPTER 205 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARROLLTON as follows:

SECTION 1. That a new Section 205.380 of Chapter 205, of the Municipal Code, Town of Carrollton, Missouri, is hereby enacted:

SECTION 205.380: MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION; PERMITTED ACTS.

A. Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Community Cat" shall mean a cat that is abandoned, stray, lost, or feral and cared for by a community cat caregiver pursuant to this ordinance.
2. "Community Cat Caregiver" shall mean a person who, in accordance with and pursuant to a policy of Trap-Neuter-Return, provides care, including, food, shelter or medical care to a community cat, while not being considered the owner, harbinger, controller, or keeper of a community cat.
3. "Eartipping" shall mean the removal of the ¼ inch tip of a community cat's left ear, performed while the cat is under anesthesia, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, designed to identify the community cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies.
4. "Trap-Neuter-Return" shall mean the process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning community cats to their original location.

B. Permitted Acts. The following actions shall be permitted in the Town in pursuance of a process of Trap-Neuter-Return:

1. Trapping, for the sole purpose of sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, and eartipping community cats, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, where applicable.
2. An eartipped cat received by local shelters will be returned to the location where trapped unless veterinary care is required. A trapped eartipped cat will be released on site unless veterinary care is required.

3. Community cat caregivers are empowered to reclaim impounded community cats without proof of ownership solely for the purpose of the implementation of the process of Trap-Neuter-Return as more particularly provided in this Section.

Section 2: The portions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Town Council would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid one, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

Section 3: This ordinance repeals any prior ordinance or parts of any prior ordinance that might be in conflict herewith.

Section 4. It is the intent of the Town Council that this Ordinance be made a part of the Municipal Code and such inclusion shall have the same force and effect as if the ordinance had been included in the original code at the time of its adoption by the Town Council.

Section 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

A copy of this Ordinance has been made available for public inspection prior to its adoption by the Council and this bill was read by title in the open meeting two times prior to its final passage.

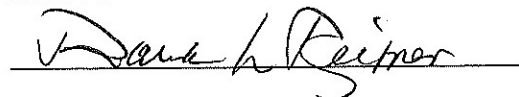
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2024.

TOWN OF CARROLLTON, MISSOURI



Susan Bliss, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dana Reimer, City Clerk