

CITY OF HUMBLE

ORDINANCE NO. 24-973

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 "ANIMAL CONTROL", ARTICLE 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" BY ESTABLISHING SECTION 11 "RELEASING OR ABANDONING ANIMALS" AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 12 "HARBORING STRAYS", PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF ABANDONING ANY ANIMAL WITHIN THE CITY AND DECLARING OWNERSHIP OF ANY ANIMAL HARBORED FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 3, Article I, Section 11 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby established to read as follows:

§3.01.011 Releasing or abandoning animals

- (a) It shall be a violation of this section for a person to dump, release or abandon any animal whatsoever on any property, whether public or private within the city.
- (b) Any animal found to be restrained or situated in a way that it does not have access to air, food, water and shelter appropriate to maintain life and health shall be considered to be abandoned
- (c) Any person having knowledge of an animal which has been or is believed to have been dumped, released or abandoned shall so notify the Animal Control Officer and shall provide all pertinent information, including the description of the animal, the location of the animal and the name, address, car license plate number, or any other information or description of the person who dumped, released or abandoned the animal, if known.
- (d) Any person found in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Each animal abandoned shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2. Chapter 3, Article I, Section 12 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby established to read as follows:

§3.01.012 Harboring Strays

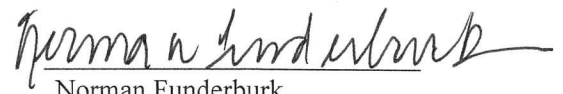
- (a) Any person who keeps, harbors, feeds, shelters, or otherwise allows any stray animal or any animal that has been abandoned, to remain on the person's property for three (3) or more days without notifying the Animal Control Officer, shall hereby be deemed the owner of said animal.

Section 3. In the event any clause phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 4. This ordinance supersedes all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions stated herein.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and when the caption hereof is caused to be published once in the official newspaper of the City, by the City Secretary, within ten days after the passage of the ordinance, as required by law and Article II, Section 12 of the City Charter.

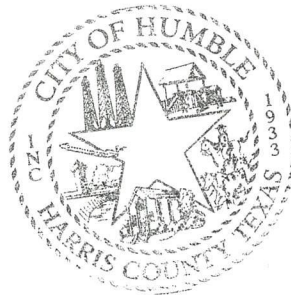
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of August 2024.



Norman Funderburk
Mayor

ATTEST:


Maria Jackson
City Secretary



THIS ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE TEXAS ON:

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