Midway City Council 1 November 2022 Regular Meeting

Ordinance 2022-30 / Feral Cats



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6.07 OF THE MIDWAY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS THE IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF FERAL CATS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Section 10-9a-509 the Midway City Council may formally initiate proceedings to amend city ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Midway City Council and City Staff have recently discussed the need to address feral cats in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a community cat program pursuant to Utah Code § 11-46-303 to sterilize, identify, and vaccinate such cats; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 6.07 to address this issue; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Midway City, Utah, as follows:

Section 6.07.040 shall be added to read as follows:

6.07.040 Community Cat Program/Feral Cats Impoundment and Disposition

- 1. Midway City hereby establishes a community cat program pursuant to U.C.A. 1953 11-46-303.
- 2. Notwithstanding the minimum holding period of 5 working business days. Impounded cats identified as feral or community cats which are in good health and which do not pose a threat to health or safety of persons or other domesticated animals shall be released within a reasonable proximity to the place where they were trapped or picked up.
 - (a) Each feral or community cat trapped or picked up under Subsection (2) which is delivered to the shelter shall be sterilized, identified by ear-tipping and rabies-vaccinated prior to return.

3. The Director/Supervisor (or his designee) has discretion to refuse release of a feral or community cat if the cat is reasonably believed to carry disease, or to be a threat to persons, property, or other domesticated animals.

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as required by law.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Midway City, Wasatch County, Utah this _____ day of ______, 2022.

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Council Member Steve Dougherty		
Council Member Jeff Drury		
Council Member Lisa Orme		
Council Member Kevin Payne		
Council Member JC Simonsen		
APPROVED: DRAFT		

Celeste Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brad Wilson, City Recorder

Corbin Gordon, City Attorney

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