

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION PROHIBITING FALSE REPRESENTATION OF SERVICE ANIMAL

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of Independence, Iowa:

SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Section 55.18, entitled FALSE REPRESENTATION OF SERVICE ANIMAL, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

55.18 FALSE REPRESENTATION OF SERVICE ANIMAL. A person commits the offense of intentional misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal or a service-animal-in-training if, for the purpose of obtaining any of the rights or privileges set forth in State or federal law, the person intentionally misrepresents an animal in one's possession as one's service animal or service-animal-in-training or a person with a disability's service animal or service-animal-in-training whom the person is assisting by controlling.
(Code of Iowa, Section 216C.11(3)(B))

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, IA

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA

First Reading: September 8, 2025
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 2025-_____ on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA