

- **Updates animal-related definitions**
 - Adds/clarifies definitions for **Community Cat, Community Cat Caretaker, Community Cat Program, TNR Program, Animal Care Officer, Animal Care Services, Animal Rescue Organization, Microchip, Secure Enclosure, and Dangerous or Vicious Dog.**
 - Clarifies that returning an **ear-tipped community cat** after sterilization and vaccination is not abandonment.
 - Updates the definition of a kennel to address premises where up to six dogs or cats over four months old are kept.
- **Changes the setback for domestic fowl**
 - Reduces the required distance from a residential building, school, church, business, etc. from **100 feet to 25 feet.**
 - Expressly states that the setback applies to all domestic fowl, including chickens.
- **Adds a four-chicken limit and prohibits roosters**
 - Prohibits keeping **more than four chickens or any rooster** on a premises within the city.
- **Revises dangerous/vicious dog procedures**
 - More closely incorporates the requirements of **Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 822.**
 - Establishes procedures for sworn complaints, investigation, seizure and impoundment, administrative search warrants, dangerous-dog determinations, owner notification, and appeals.
 - Provides that the owner has **15 days after notification** to appeal a dangerous-dog determination.
 - Adds/clarifies the eight requirements for owners of dangerous dogs, including registration, annual permit, identification collar, secure enclosure, **\$100,000 liability insurance**, muzzle/leash requirements, warning signage, microchipping, and sterilization.
 - Specifically states that euthanasia of a dangerous dog may occur **only pursuant to a court order** under applicable state law.
- **Adds rules governing tranquilizer guns/drugs**
 - Authorizes trained animal-control or police personnel to use tranquilizers or other drugs when an animal is at large and poses a threat or danger.
 - Requires compliance with state and federal law concerning controlled substances and prescription drugs.
 - Makes the animal owner responsible for sedation and related care costs.
- **Revises dog and cat licensing provisions**
 - Clarifies that dogs and cats over four months must be licensed and rabies vaccinated.
 - Updates information required on license applications.
 - Establishes annual rabies vaccination/license registration language.
 - Increases the replacement license-tag fee from **\$2 to \$5.**
- **Adds restrictions on tethering**
 - Prohibits tying an animal, other than livestock, directly to a stationary object.
 - Requires tethered animals to use a **running line, pulley system, or trolley.**

- Prohibits tethering in a manner that allows an animal to reach an alley, sidewalk, public street, or another person's property.
- **Adds/expands animal cruelty provisions**
 - Expressly prohibits animal fighting, training animals for fighting, and inadequate housing/care.
 - Establishes a provision concerning leaving a pet unattended in a motor vehicle for more than **five minutes** when no person age 14 or older is present.
- **Revises treatment of unclaimed animals**
 - Establishes a **three-day holding period**, excluding the day of impoundment and days the facility is closed.
 - Requires reasonable attempts to notify owners when identification is available.
 - Clarifies that quarantine, dangerous-dog holds, and court orders take precedence over the normal holding period.
 - Provides special foster/rescue placement provisions for animals under four months old without prematurely transferring ownership.
- **Revises euthanasia provisions**
 - Allows immediate euthanasia of an animal determined to be seriously injured or diseased under Animal Care Services procedures.
 - Establishes additional restrictions preventing euthanasia while an animal is subject to certain state-mandated quarantine/observation periods, court holds, or statutory holds.
- **Adds a comprehensive list of violations**
 - Prohibits maintaining dogs/cats in inhumane conditions, including lack of food/water, inadequate shelter, unsafe tethering, abandonment, and failure to obtain necessary medical care.
 - Prohibits dogs from running at large.
 - Requires rabies vaccination and City registration.
 - Prohibits excessive barking during nighttime hours.
 - Prohibits keeping **more than six dogs or cats over four months old**.
 - Prohibits intentional or unintentional breeding resulting in a litter.
 - Prohibits feeding strays on public property or City rights-of-way, specifically including feeding bread to ducks at Banworth Park.
 - Provides an exception for licensed businesses involving breeding, care, treatment, or sale of animals, subject to state law.
- **Changes the redemption period**
 - The provision changes the redemption period from **three days to five days after notice** for an owner seeking to reclaim a licensed dog, subject to the calculation rules in the ordinance.
 - Unlicensed dogs may be reclaimed upon proof of ownership, vaccination/licensing, and payment of the applicable impoundment fee.