

**TOWN OF TRUCKEE**  
**California**

**ORDINANCE 2023-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE, AMENDING  
SECTION 8.01.090 OF THE TRUCKEE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PERIODS  
OF IMPOUNDMENT FOR ANIMALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Truckee, in partnership with the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe, operates the Truckee animal shelter, providing a safe and healthy place for animals with an emphasis on reuniting people and pets and placing animals for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8.01.090 of the Truckee Municipal Code establishes periods of impoundment for animals in various circumstances, but has not been updated since the 1990s; and

**WHEREAS**, animal shelter staff have identified ways in which Section 8.01.090 can be clarified and updated to reflect current best practices;

*The Town Council of the Town of Truckee Does Ordain as Follows:*

**Section 1.** The recitals above are incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** Section 8.01.090 of the Truckee Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**8.01.090 Period of Impoundment**  
Periods of impoundment are as follows:

(a) Any impounded animal wearing a tag or having a microchip adequately identifying the owner shall be held for a period of not less than five (5) days unless redeemed by the owner within such period.

(b) Any impounded animal found not wearing a tag or having a microchip adequately identifying the owner shall be held for a period of not less than seventy-two (72) hours unless redeemed by the owner within such period.

(c) For the purpose of this section, any time the Animal Shelter is closed (such as a holiday), such time shall not be counted against the minimum holding periods for animals.

(d) The minimum hold times described in subsections (a), (b), and (e) shall not apply to animals which are severely injured or seriously ill, or to newborn animals unable to feed themselves, for which there shall be no minimum hold time.

(e) An animal impounded due to the arrest or hospitalization of its owner shall be held and handled in the same manner as an impounded animal whose owner is known, pursuant to subsection (a).

**Section 3.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 4.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance or a summary thereof in accordance with the law.

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The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Truckee Town Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Truckee Town Council, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023; \_\_\_\_\_ moved for the adoption, the motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and was carried by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Lindsay Romack, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Judy Price, MMC, Town Clerk**

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**Andy Morris, Town Attorney**