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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1-29 (*STERILIZATION*) OF TITLE 3 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO ANIMAL REGULATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Section 3-1-29 (*Sterilization*) is amended to read:

§ 3-1-29 STERILIZATION.

(A) The city manager or the manager of an animal shelter may sterilize an animal if it has been impounded one [~~two~~] or more times unless:

(1) the surgery could harm the animal due to the animal's age or health;

(2) prior to the expiration of the animal shelter's three-day hold period, the animal's owner objects to the animal being sterilized; or

(3) the animal's surgery would require the animal to be held at the animal shelter overnight or the animal shelter is at or beyond capacity at the time.

(B) The animal shelter must notify an owner reclaiming an intact animal that the owner cannot object to the same animal being sterilized, as set forth in Section 3-1-29(A)(2), if the animal is impounded a second time, and the animal becomes the property of the health authority.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2016 § _____
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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: _____

Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk