

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 3-2 (RESTRICTIONS ON ANIMALS) ADDING A NEW SECTION 3-2-8 RELATING TO THE TRAINING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS; CREATING AN OFFENSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.**

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

**PART 1.** City Code Chapter 3-2 (*Restrictions on Animals*) is amended to add a new Section 3-2-8 to read:

**§ 3-2-8 TRAINING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS**

- (A) A person may not train or control an animal by the use of a baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork, bull hook or device of similar design for similar purpose.
- (B) A person who trains or controls an animal as set forth in Subsection (A) commits a violation.
- (C) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the animal is livestock as defined in City Code Section 3-1-1 (*Definitions*).

**PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk