

ORDINANCE NO. 20220407-002

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 Council makes the following findings:

- (1) Cruelty to livestock is subject to the penalties provided in Texas Penal Code Section 42.09.

PART 2. 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

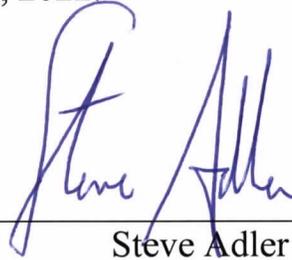
- (A) A person may not train or control an animal by the use of a baseball bat, axe handle, pitchfork, bull hook or device of similar design for similar purpose.
- (B) A person who trains or controls an animal as set forth in Subsection (A) commits a violation.
- (C) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the animal is livestock as defined in City Code Section 3-1-1 (*Definitions*) and is not being treated cruelly in the manner prohibited by Texas Penal Code Section 42.09.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on April 18, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____ April 7 _____, 2022

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED:



Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST:



Myrna Rios
City Clerk