

Ordinance

Amending section 6-103 (g) of the Corpus Christi Code by providing immediate ownership of impounded animals under four months old to the City; Providing an effective date; Providing for severance; and Providing for publication.

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Advisory Committee recommends amending the Corpus Christi Code to allow City immediate ownership of impounded animals under the age of four months.

WHEREAS, due to their immature immune system, animals under the age of four months are susceptible to disease and illness.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS,
THAT:**

SECTION 1. Section 6-103 (g) is revised to read as follows:

(g) *Disposition of animals.*

(1) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (j) of this section, and certain livestock as provided for in this paragraph, impounded animals not redeemed by their owner within three (3) working days following impoundment become the property of the city and may be placed for adoption in a suitable home or with any nonprofit association organized for the protection and welfare of animals, sold under section 17-4 of the Code of Ordinances, or humanely euthanized. Prior to the disposition of any livestock excluding goats and sheep, notice must be posted for a ten-day period at the county courthouse, city hall, and the city animal shelter upon the expiration of three (3) working days from the date of impoundment of the livestock. Upon the expiration of the ten-day notice period, the city may dispose of the livestock in the same manner as other unclaimed animals.

(2) The expiration of the three (3) working days period upon impoundment and the notice of and expiration of the ten-day period with respect to livestock does not apply to the disposition of any animal placed in impoundment by the written consent of the animal's owner and the acceptance of the animal by the Animal Care Services manager. Any animal received by the consent of its owner may be disposed of immediately upon its impoundment in the same manner as unclaimed animals.

(3) In the case of a dog impounded under authority of Chapter 822, Health and Safety Code, as it may be amended, or other state law, the dog may be redeemed upon the court's finding and rendering a judgment that the dog did not engage in dangerous conduct and upon the conclusion of any proceeding provided for in this chapter; or upon the court's finding that the dog did engage in dangerous conduct, that the claimant of the dog shows proof of having fully complied with all insurance and restraint requirements provided by

state law, and meets all requirements of this chapter that pertain to the keeping of a dangerous dog.

(4) Due to their immature immune system, any impounded animal under four months of age shall immediately become the property of the city, for humane disposition, and may be offered for adoption, rescue, foster care or humanely euthanized at the discretion of the Animal Care Service Manager, Veterinarian, or their designee.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance is the date of final City Council approval.

SECTION 3. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 4. Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, _____, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____th day of _____, _____.

ATTEST:

Armando Chapa
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor