

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, “ANIMALS AND FOWL,” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY; AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect the public health and safety of citizens of Abilene through regulation of domestic animals located in the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect the health and safety of domestic animals within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the health and safety of citizens and domestic animals may be accomplished by amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That Chapter 6, “Animals and Fowl,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Abilene, Texas, are hereby amended as set out in Exhibit A, attached and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.

PART 2: That if the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

PART 3: That any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in accordance with Chapter 1 (Section 1-9) of this Code.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 13th day of February, 2025.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 23rd day of February, 2025, the same being more than 24 hours prior to a public hearing being held in the Council Chamber of City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on the 27th day of February, 2025, to permit the public to be heard. Said Ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 27th day of February, 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR

CITY ATTORNEY

NOT CONSIDERED