

Proposed Chapter 5 Ordinance Change

Reduce required holding period for “Placement Assured” Pets

Sec. 5-158. Minimum time animals impounded; euthanasia authorized.

(a) Impounded ~~animals dogs and cats~~ shall be kept for not fewer than three (3) days, excluding the day the animal is impounded and any days the animal care services facility is not opened, and ~~thereafter~~ shall be subject to ~~adoption, rescue, foster or humane euthanization~~ humanely euthanized at the discretion of the director ~~thereafter~~. Notwithstanding the above, animals may be adopted, rescued or fostered after being held for not fewer than two (2) days excluding the day the animal is impounded and any days the animal care services facility is not opened.

(b) Animals may be adopted, rescued, fostered, or humanely euthanized prior to the time periods referenced above in the following circumstances:

(1) ~~In the case of owned animals, the city may dispose of any unclaimed animal before this three-day period if~~ The the owner of the animal releases ownership of the animal to the city.

(2) ~~If any impounded animal is determined by a licensed veterinarian or designee~~ determines an impounded animal is to be suffering from disease or injury such that the animal is in pain or is beyond reasonable medical help, the animal may be euthanized immediately. ~~In such a case, holding times otherwise specified in this Code will not apply.~~

(3) ~~Due to their immature immune system, any abandoned animal under four (4) months of age shall immediately become the property of the city upon delivery to the animal care services facility, for humane disposition, and may be offered for adoption or humanely euthanized at the discretion of the director.~~

Sec. 5-159. Unclaimed animals.

(a) Any animal not claimed by its owner after being held for not fewer than two (2) days excluding the day the animal is impounded and any days the animal care services facility is not opened ~~within the above stated three (3) days~~ shall become the property of the city, ~~and shall be subject to adoption, rescue, foster or humanely euthanized at the discretion of the director.~~ The selection of an animal for adoption or rescue during the reclamation period or thereafter shall not confer any ownership right or right of possession to the animal.

(b) The director may sell unclaimed livestock found running free of restraint by public auction to the highest bidder for cash after notice of the auction is posted on a public bulletin board where other public notices are posted for the city.