

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 205.105 OF CHAPTER 205 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CITY OF RICHLAND, MISSOURI; AND FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Richland, Missouri ("City") has determined that a process of trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning cats to their original location is an effective and humane way to manage, and over time, reduce the population of cats within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION A. That a new Section 205.105 of Chapter 205, of the Municipal Code, City of Richland, Missouri, is hereby enacted:

SECTION 205.105: MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION; PERMITTED ACTS.

A. Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "*Community Cat*" shall mean a cat that is abandoned, stray, lost, or feral and cared for by a community cat caregiver pursuant to this ordinance.
2. "*Community Cat Caregiver*" shall mean a person who, in accordance with and pursuant to a policy of Trap-Neuter-Return, provides care, including, food, shelter or medical care to a community cat, while not being considered the owner, harbinger, controller, or keeper of a community cat.
3. "*Eartipping*" shall mean the removal of the ¼ inch tip of a community cat's left ear, performed while the cat is under anesthesia, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, designed to identify the community cat as being sterilized and lawfully vaccinated for rabies.
4. "*Trap-Neuter-Return*" shall mean the process of humanely trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, eartipping, and returning community cats to their original location.

B. Permitted Acts. The following actions shall be permitted in the City in pursuance of a process of Trap-Neuter-Return:

1. Trapping, for the sole purpose of sterilizing, vaccinating for rabies, and eartipping community cats, in compliance with any applicable federal or state law, and under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, where applicable.

2. An eartipped cat received by local shelters will be returned to the location where trapped unless veterinary care is required. A trapped eartipped cat will be released on site unless veterinary care is required.
3. Community cat caregivers are empowered to reclaim impounded community cats without proof of ownership solely for the purpose of the implementation of the process of Trap-Neuter-Return as more particularly provided in this Section.

SECTION B. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION C. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

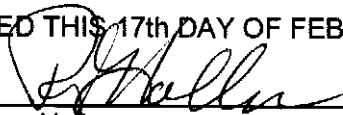
ROLL CALL VOTE (First Reading):

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Alderman Tim Bailey	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Tom Murphy	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Eldon Haun	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Roy Holler	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman DawnElyn Schneider	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Alderman Larry Fincher	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>


ROLL CALL VOTE (Second Reading):

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Alderman Tim Bailey	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alderman Tom Murphy	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Alderman Larry Fincher	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

READ TWO TIMES, PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.



 Roy Holler
 Acting President of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:


 Susan Alexander, City Clerk