CITY OF MOORE
ORDINANCE 1063.25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOORE, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING PART 4, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4-1D, SECTION 4-145, OF THE MOORE MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 4-145 BY REQUIRING SURRENDER OF ALL ANIMALS IN THE POSSESSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AT THE TIME OF PLEA OR FINDING OF GUILT OF A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF PART 4, ARTICLE 4-1D.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Moore, in the State of Oklahoma, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** "Sec 4-145 Prohibition Against Animal Possession" of the Moore Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

Sec 4-145 Prohibition Against Animal Possession

A. It shall be unlawful for any person who pleads to, or is convicted of, any violation of Part 4, Article 4-1D, of the Moore Municipal Code, to possess any other animal thereafter.
B. Any animal(s) in the possession of an individual at the time of plea, or finding of guilt, of a violation of Part 4, Article 4-1D shall immediately be surrendered to Moore Animal Control.
C. Animal Control may seize any animal(s) in the possession of the individual during the time in which the prohibition remains in effect.
D. No person shall refuse to deliver up to the animal control officer an animal when requested to do so under the provisions of this section.
E. Any person in violation of any of the above paragraphs shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $500.00 per day of violation and shall pay court costs.
F. Any person, other than the individual from which the animal(s) was seized, claiming to be the true and bona fide owner of the animal(s), may, within ten (10) calendar days of seizure, contact Moore Animal Control. If ten (10) calendar days has lapsed without anyone claiming to be the true and bona fide owner, the animal(s) is permanently forfeited any may be placed up for adoption pending health and behavioral assessments.
G. For the animal(s) to be returned to an individual claiming to be the true and bona fide owner:
    1. the individual claiming ownership must prove that they do, in fact, own the animal(s). This may be demonstrated through veterinary records or other

similar documentation, and,

2. the individual claiming ownership must prove that they do not reside within the same household as the person who has pled to, or been convicted of, the violation of Article 4-1D, and,
3. the animal(s) must be in good health at the time of seizure as indicated by a veterinary examination, and,
4. the individual claiming ownership must pay the costs of the veterinary examination prior to release.

H. If, after five (5) years, an individual would like to request to reinstate his or her right to possess an animal(s), they must first provide proof to Moore Animal Control that a significant change in circumstances has occurred that would lead Animal Control to conclude that an animal(s) in the possession of the individual will be properly and humanely cared for. This may be demonstrated by successful completion of courses designed to bring about the cessation of animal abuse and/ or the humane treatment of animals, i.e. Benchmark Animal Rehabilitative Curriculum (B.A.R.C.) or Animal Care and Use Core, as approved by Animal Control, or other similar proof.

SECTION 2: **REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE** Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinances a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MOORE COUNCIL
2-19-2025.

Presiding Officer

Mark Hamm, Mayor, City of Moore

Attest

Vanessa Kemp, City Clerk, City of Moore

Brian K. Miller, City Attorney,
Approved as to Form, City of Moore