Ordinance # 1071.25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOORE, OKLAHOMA AMENDING PART 4, ANIMALS; ARTICLE 4-1C, IMPOUNDMENT REGULATIONS; SECTION 4-134, REDEMPTION OF ANIMAL BY ADDING LANGUAGE MAKING THE ANIMAL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION, AND SECTION 4-135, DISPOSITION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS BY ADDING LANGUAGE MAKING THE ANIMAL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AFTER THE FIVE DAY HOLD; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Moore, Oklahoma: **THAT PART 4, ARTICLE 4-1C, IMPOUNDMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 4-134 AND SECTION 4-135 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Sec 4-134 Redemption Of Animal

An owner of an impounded animal or his agent may redeem the animal prior to its sale, adoption, or destruction as provided for herein by paying the required fees against the animal and meeting any other requirements which may be prescribed in this chapter. If the owner or his agent has not redeemed the animal within the first five days after the impoundment of the animal, excluding Sundays and holidays, the animal shall be made available for adoption as provided for herein.

Sec 4-135 Impounded Animals, Five Day Hold and Availability for Adoption

1. Dogs and cats may be released from the animal shelter for adoption if the owner of the animal has not claimed the animal within the time specified in this chapter and paid all fees required to secure its release. If the animal has not been surgically spayed or neutered, the adopting person shall pay a fee, as established by the fee schedule, for the spaying or neutering of the animal prior to adoption. The city may enter into agreements with private releasing agencies for the purpose of arranging animal adoptions. If the animal to be released is placed with a private releasing agency prior to final adoption, and the releasing agency requires sterilization prior to final adoption, the private releasing agency shall not be required to make a sterilization deposit.
2. Any animal for which the owner is known and notice has been provided in this chapter, or for which the owner is unknown or cannot be ascertained by the animal control officer, shall be made available for adoption after the lapse of five days as provided in this section.
3. The proceeds of any animal adopted shall be deposited with the city treasurer. The individual adopting an animal through the procedure provided for in this section shall acquire absolute title to the animal adopted.

Severability. If any of the provisions of this ordinance are determined to be unconstitutional or unlawful by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall be severable and unaffected.

Repealer. Any ordinance or parts thereof in conflict with this section are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MOORE COUNCIL
11/17/2025.

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

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

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** "Sec 4-134 Redemption Of Animal" of the Moore Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

A M E N D M E N T

Sec 4-134 Redemption Of Animal

An owner of an impounded animal or his agent may redeem the animal prior to its sale, adoption, or destruction as provided for herein by paying the required fees against the animal and meeting any other requirements which may be prescribed in this chapter. If the owner or his agent has not redeemed the animal within the first five days after the impoundment of the animal, excluding Sundays and holidays, the animal ~~may~~shall be made available for adoption~~otherwise disposed of~~ as provided for herein.

SECTION 2: **AMENDMENT** "Sec 4-135 Disposition Of Impounded Animals" of the Moore Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

A M E N D M E N T

Sec 4-135 ~~Disposition Of Impounded Animals~~Impounded Animals, Five Day Hold and Availability for Adoption

A. Dogs and cats may be released from the animal shelter for adoption if the owner of the animal has not claimed the animal within the time specified in this chapter and paid all fees required to secure its release. If the animal has not been surgically spayed or neutered, the adopting person shall pay a fee, as established by the fee schedule, for the spaying or neutering of the animal prior to adoption. The city may enter into

agreements with private releasing agencies for the purpose of arranging animal adoptions. If the animal to be released is placed with a private releasing agency prior to final adoption, and the releasing agency requires sterilization prior to final adoption, the private releasing agency shall not be required to make a sterilization deposit.

B. Any animal for which the owner is known and notice has been provided in this chapter, or for which the owner is unknown or cannot be ascertained by the animal control officer, shall be ~~destroyed~~made available for adoption after the lapse of five days ~~if not adopted~~ as provided in this section.

C. The proceeds of any animal adopted shall be deposited with the city treasurer. The individual adopting an animal through the procedure provided for in this section shall acquire absolute title to the animal adopted.

SECTION 3: **REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: **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 _____.

Presiding Officer

Attest

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Mark Hamm, Mayor, City of Moore

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