

**CITY OF MUSCATINE
ORDINANCE 2025-0202**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 - POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
CHAPTER 8 - ANIMAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 8 - RABIES SUSPECTS AND
ANIMAL BITES**

WHEREAS, City Code Section 6-8-8 identifies the specific amount of time an animal shall be quarantined following a bite or suspected of rabies; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine Animal Control Department recommends a change to the City Code to comply with the Iowa State Code by reducing the quarantine time from 14 days to 10 days; and

WHEREAS, the current City Code allows for only the Muscatine Animal Control Officer to provide animal confinement forms to residents, staff requests an amendment to allow for any Law Enforcement Officer to have ability to provide such forms; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 15, 2025, prior to any City Council action on this amendment to City Code.

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

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “6-8-8 Rabies Suspects And Animal Bites” of the Muscatine Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

A M E N D M E N T

6-8-8 Rabies Suspects And Animal Bites

Any dog or cat which is suspected of having rabies, or which has bitten a person or other animal, shall be impounded and confined, either at the residence of the owner of said animal, or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, for observation. All fees for such impoundment and observation shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of such animal. Owners choosing to impound or confine animals at their residence shall complete a "Voluntary Animal Confinement Form" which shall be provided to them by the Animal Control Officer or Law Enforcement Officer. At the completion of the ~~ten(10)~~~~fourteen(14)~~ day confinement period, the owner shall present the confined animal along with the Animal Confinement Form to a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian shall then examine the animal and complete the appropriate section of the Voluntary Animal Confinement Form. The owner of the animal shall then return this form to the Animal Control Officer.

- A. Any dog or cat impounded under the provisions of this Section shall be placed in a suitable facility and quarantined for a period of not less than ~~ten(10)~~~~fourteen(14)~~ days

at the sole expense of the owner.

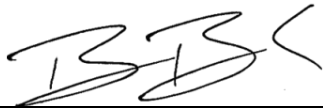
- B. Any such animal impounded under the provisions of this Section shall be destroyed upon determination that such animal is infected with rabies.
- C. It shall be the duty of the owner of any dog, cat, or other animal which has bitten or attacked a person or any person having knowledge of such bite or attack to report this act to the Animal Control Officer. It shall be the duty of physicians and veterinarians to report to the Animal Control Officer the existence of any animal known or suspected to be suffering from rabies.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.38)

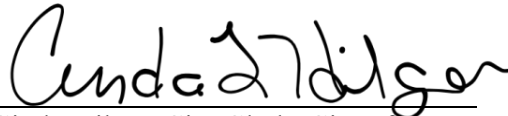
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL JUNE 05, 2025.

Presiding Officer

Attest



Dr. Brad Bark, Mayor, City of
Muscatine



Cinda Hilger, City Clerk, City of
Muscatine

