

**CITY OF MUSCATINE  
ORDINANCE 2025-0204**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 8 BY ADDING SECTION 16  
COMMUNITY CATS - TRAP NEUTER RELEASE TO THE CITY CODE OF  
MUSCATINE**

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 6-8 provides regulation regarding animal care and control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muscatine Animal Control Department recommends a change to the City Code to add section 16 titled Community Cats – Trap Neuter Release; and

**WHEREAS**, this code change would regulate and allow for outside agencies at no cost to the City to perform TNR services; and

**WHEREAS**, by allowing for Trap Neuter Release the City hopes to reduce the number of feral free roaming cats within the City limits of Muscatine.

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

**SECTION 1:**        **ADOPTION** “6-8-16 Community Cats - Trap Neuter Release” of the Muscatine Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

**ADOPTION**

6-8-16 Community Cats - Trap Neuter Release(*Added*)

A. Community Cats: An unowned, outdoor cat, also known as a feral, stray, or alley cat shall be deemed as a “community cat” if all of the following conditions are met:

a. No person owns the cat (no Microchip or Collar); b. The cat has been assessed by a veterinarian and deemed healthy; c. The cat has been spayed or neutered; d. The cat has been vaccinated for rabies and FVRCP; and e. The cat has been left ear tipped by a licensed veterinarian.

B. Community cat caregiver: A person who is providing food, water, shelter, or medical care to a community cat. However, community cat caregivers are not the owner, harbinger, or keepers of the community cats.

C. TNR: “Trap-Neuter-Release”, a method used to manage feral cat populations. It involves trapping cats, sterilizing them, and returning them to their original territory. Community cats without identification will not be held for a stray hold.

- a. TNR facility shall provide data to the city when requested to include; Number of cats serviced separated by male and female cats.
- b. A community cat shall be returned to the area where it was captured. If the cat is deemed adoptable by the TNR facility it may be adopted out at the discretion of the TNR facility.
- c. TNR facility shall register with the City Animal Control Officer prior to any TNR efforts commencing.
- d. Private property owners are allowed to remove nuisance cats from their property.

D. Funds and liability: TNR facility is fully responsible for the funding and efforts to Trap neuter and release community cats.

- a. The city shall have no liability for the disposition of any community cat.
- b. The city shall not have responsibility for care of community cats.

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Second Reading: June 19, 2025

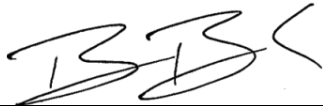
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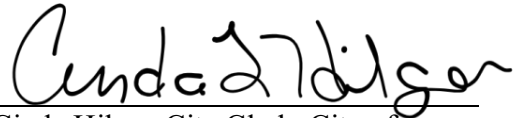
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL JULY 03,  
2025.

Presiding Officer

Attest



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Dr. Brad Bark, Mayor, City of  
Muscatine



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Cinda Hilger, City Clerk, City of  
Muscatine

