

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

(Cats Running at Large)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 4-23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-23. Animals running at large.

(a) Dogs

1. No owner of any dog shall permit such animal to run at large or to be on any public right-of-way or property other than that of the owner or a dog-park designated by the park district without being securely restrained by a leash or other physical means.
2. Any dog running at large is hereby declared a nuisance and may be impounded as provided in this division.
3. If a dog is on the owner's property it is at large if it is not contained on the property by means of a fence, chain, leash, competent supervision, or other visible means of restraint sufficient to protect persons or animals not on that property.

(b) Cats.

1. It is the affirmative responsibility of every owner, possessor, or keeper of a cat to ensure that the cat does not enter onto the property of any other person who has informed the owner, possessor, or keeper of the cat, either verbally or in writing, that the property owner or the person who has lawful possession of the property does not want the cat on that property. Failure to comply with this paragraph shall constitute an offense.

2. The notice may be given by the person who has lawful possession of the property, the owner of the property, or by a law enforcement officer or animal control officer on that person's behalf. Notice given to any adult member of the household at which the cat is kept shall suffice for purposes of this section to be notice to every owner, possessor, or keeper of the cat at that household. Notice may be given by any means reasonably calculated to apprise the owner, possessor or keeper of the cat of the content of the notice.

(c) The offenses specified by this section are absolute liability offenses.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

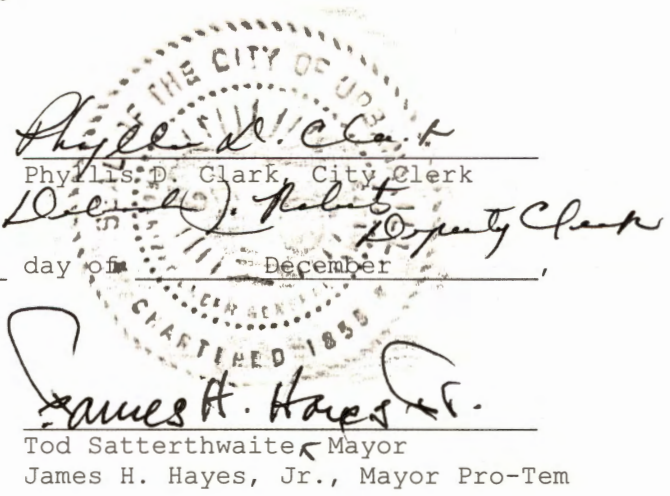
PASSED by the City Council this 15th day of December,
2003 .

AYES: Hayes, Otto, Patt, Wyman

NAYS: Chynoweth, Huth, Whelan

ABSTAINS:

APPROVED by the Mayor this 30th day of December,
2003 .



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Phyllis P. Clark, City Clerk
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