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ORDINANCE NO. 1402

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 2; ENACTING SECTIONS 2-211 AND 2-212 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PROCEDURES FOR MANAGED CARE TO TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN FERAL CATS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, after due consideration of the matter, finds that the population of free-roaming, feral cats within the City requires humane, managed care.

SECTION 1: That Code 2014, Chapter II, Article 2, shall be amended by establishment of new Sections 2-211 and 2-212 as follows:

SECTION 2:

New Section 2-211. Managed Care of Feral Cats. Definitions.

- a. **Feral Cat means a cat that: (1) is born in the wild or is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized; or (2) is a formerly owned cat that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized.**
- b. **TNR means Trap, Neuter and Return.**
- c. **TNR program means a program to which feral and stray cats are trapped, neutered or spayed, vaccinated against rabies, eartipped, and returned to the familiar location or colony where they congregate.**

New Section 2-212. TNR Program Procedures.

The Columbus Animal Control Officer is authorized to implement and execute a TNR program for feral cats found on public streets, alleys and public property. Before the cats are neutered or spayed, eartipped, and released, cats will be photographed, advertised on the Animal Control Officer's official Facebook site, and held for 3 days to allow owner(s) to claim the cat(s).

SECTION 3: All ordinances, resolutions or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing body this 6th day of March, 2017.

William Schaiff
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherri Chancellor
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City Clerk



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