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Council considered the second reading of an ordinance to deal with safety issues involving the presence of animals in the Remington Park Sports Complex. At the recommendation of both the Recreation Board and the City Attorney, the ordinance has been reworded to ban pet animals completely from that one park. Discussion ensued, with Councilmember Payne stating her opposition to an absolute ban and stating that pet owners should be able to use the park when children's programs are not in session. On motion of Councilmember Campbell, and seconded by Councilmember Williams, the following ordinance was ordered read for the second time, passed by 'aye' votes of Councilmembers Williams, Lewis, and Campbell (with Councilmember Payne abstaining), and adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING SECTION 4-34 CAPTIONED "PROHIBITED ACTS", OF CHAPTER 4, CAPTIONED "ANIMALS"; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that a new subparagraph (1) be added to paragraph (a) of Section 4-34, "captioned Prohibited acts" of Chapter 4, captioned "Animals", of the Code of the City of Thomasville, to read as follows:

1) Owners of dogs or cats may allow, cause, or permit such dog or cat to enter City parks as long as the dogs or cats are on a leash or otherwise under the immediate control of such owner, with the exception of the Remington Park Sports Complex, where all pet animals of any kind, including, but not limited to, dogs, cats and horses, shall be prohibited at all times.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

This ordinance will be effective on the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held on December 26, 2001, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on January 14, 2002.