

**ORDINANCE 2024-18**

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE, ALABAMA**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama, at a regular meeting, duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows:

**Section 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE, ALABAMA.** Chapter 3, Animals, Article II, Animals, Division 3, Running at large and abandonment, Sec. 3-52, Running at large and abandonment, of the *Municipal Code of the City of Irondale, Alabama* is hereby amended by deleting Sec. 3-52 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Chapter 3 – Animals

Article II. – Animals

Division 3. – Running at large and abandonment

Sec. 3-52. – Running at large and abandonment.

No owner or person having charge or control of an animal, with the exception of cats, shall cause or permit such animal to run or be upon a street, sidewalk, thoroughfare, alley or public place within the city, unless such animal be attached to a leash in the hands of such owner or other person in charge. It shall also be unlawful for any person to abandon, harbor, or set loose to avoid the responsibility for the custody or care of any domestic animal within the city limits of the city. It shall be no defense in any prosecution for a violation of this section that such animal was at large without the knowledge, consent or permission of the person charged with such violation.

The remainder of Chapter 3, Animals, Article II, Animals, Division 3, Running at large and abandonment, shall remain unchanged.

**Section 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE, ALABAMA.** Chapter 3, Animals, Article II, Animals, Division 7, Miscellaneous Violations, of the *Municipal Code of the City of Irondale, Alabama* is hereby amended to add the following:

Chapter 3 – Animals

Article II. – Animals

Division 7. – Miscellaneous Violations

Sec. 3-76. – Animals in vehicles.

- (a) No driver of a motor vehicle shall leave an animal unattended in any motor vehicle when the conditions in said vehicle would constitute a health hazard to the animal.
- (b) When the conditions inside an unattended motor vehicle constitute an imminent threat to the animal's health or safety, any animal left in a parked vehicle may be removed from that vehicle by an animal control officer or any law enforcement officer.

**Section 3. ORDINANCES REPEALED.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. SEVERABILITY.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Irondale hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 5. LEGAL RIGHTS NOT IMPAIRED.** That nothing in this ordinance or in the municipal code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

**Section 6. ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE; COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER REGULATIONS; PRIOR ACTIONS RATIFIED.** This ordinance shall not be construed to modify or to repeal any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law. The requirements of this ordinance are in addition to and cumulative to the requirements of any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, and where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, whichever provision is more restrictive or imposes higher protective standards for human health or the environment shall control.

**Section 7. PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE.** That the City Clerk of the City of Irondale is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published and that a copy of this ordinance be entered upon the minutes of the meeting of the City Council.

**Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.** That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and publication as required by law and shall continue in full force and effect from month to month and year to year from its effective date until repealed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** that the City Council of the City of Irondale does hereby ordain, resolve, and enact the foregoing ordinance for the City of Irondale.

**ADOPTED:** This the 17th day of September, 2024.

  
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David Spivey, City Council President

**APPROVED:**

  
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James D. Stewart, Jr., Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk of the City of Irondale, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Irondale at its regular meeting held on September 17, 2024, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.

  
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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk