AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS, OF THE CITY OF BELTON CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the City of Belton, Missouri, Code of Ordinances was recodified in October 2011 and from time to time, the Code of Ordinances may be amended, supplemented, modified, or repealed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Belton Police Department and Animal Control Division have found the proposed amendment to be in the best interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Code of Ordinances to increase the effectiveness and quality of the city's animal control services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** That Section 4-59 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Belton, Missouri, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4-59. - Limitation on number kept, maintained, etc., at residence; exception.

The owning, harboring, or keeping of more than four (4) dogs and cats total over six (6) months of age upon any property in the City shall be deemed a nuisance. Upon adequately showing that the premises are so situated which would not constitute a nuisance to the neighborhood, the owner or keeper may request a permit through animal control to keep or harbor a combination of more than four (4) dogs and cats total upon adequately showing that the premises are so situated which would not constitute a nuisance to the neighborhood.

**Section 2.** This ordinance is effective upon its passage and approval.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions are hereby repealed.

READ FOR THE FIRST TIME: February 8, 2022

READ FOR THE SECOND TIME AND PASSED: February 22, 2022

Mayor Norman/K/Larkey, Sr

Approved this <u>22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of <u>February</u>, 2022.

Mayor Norman K Larkey, Sr

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk of the City of Belton, Missouri

STATE OF MISSOURI ) CITY OF BELTON ) SS COUNTY OF CASS )

I, Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have been duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Belton and that the foregoing ordinance was introduced for first reading at a meeting of the City Council held on the 8th day of February, 2022, and thereafter adopted as Ordinance No. 2022-4692 of the City of Belton, Missouri, at a meeting of the City Council held on the 22nd day of February, 2022, after the second reading thereof by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: 9

COUNCILMEMBER:

Mayor Larkey, Clark, Trutzel, Gough,

Lawson, Peek, White, Powell, Kraft

NOES: 0

COUNCILMEMBER:

ABSENT: 0

COUNCILMEMBER:

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk of the City of Belton, Missouri