

**ORDINANCE NO. 370**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON AMENDING TITLE 6 REGARDING ANIMALS AND TITLE 17 REGARDING ZONING OF THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO RESTRICT CERTAIN DOMESTIC ANIMALS TO THE PROPERTY OF THEIR OWNERS**

*WHEREAS*, the current text of Hamilton Municipal Code (HMC) Title 6 regulates animals within the City of Hamilton; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City Council finds it will be in the best interests of the City and for the public benefit and welfare to require that certain domestic animals be restricted to the property of their owners; and,

*WHEREAS*, the definition of "Animals, domestic" in Title 17 HMC is rendered redundant by adoption of this Ordinance 370; and,

*WHEREAS*, notice of the public hearings was published as required by State law; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City Council held public hearings on June 5 and June 19, 2012; and,

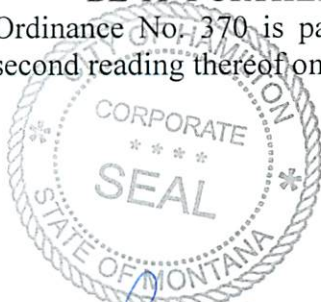
*WHEREAS*, the City Council held a first reading of this Ordinance No. 370 on June 5, 2012; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City Council held a second reading of this Ordinance No. 370 on June 19, 2012;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED* by the City Council of the City of Hamilton that the present text of Title 6, HMC, shall be amended by addition of the text set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance No. 370.

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED* by the City Council of the City of Hamilton that Section 17.04.040 HMC be amended to delete the definition of "Animals, domestic".

*BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED* by the City Council of the City of Hamilton that this Ordinance No. 370 is passed, approved and adopted effective thirty (30) days following the second reading thereof on June 19, 2012.



By:   
Jerry E. Steele, Mayor

Attest:   
Rose M. Allen, City Clerk

## **Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 370**

Section 6.04.020 HMC shall be amended by adding the following definition of "domestic animals"

"Animals, domestic". "Domestic animals" means dogs, cats, birds, reptiles (excluding rattlesnakes and other venomous snakes, alligators and crocodiles), rabbits, rodents, ferrets, chickens (excluding roosters) and fish not to exceed six domestic animals per household excluding fish.

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Section 6.08.060(A) HMC shall be amended to read as follows:

### **6.08.060 Animals at large.**

A. The practice of dogs or other animals running at large within the city limits of the City of Hamilton is declared to be a nuisance, harmful to lawns, gardens, shrubs and is prohibited. It is declared the duty of the owner of any dog or other animal to know its whereabouts at all times.

- (1) Domestic chickens must be confined to a coop or fenced area on the property of their owners and may not leave the property unless the owner is transporting the chickens to another location.
- (2) Domestic rabbits must be confined to a rabbit hutch or fenced area on the property of their owners and may not leave the property unless the owner is transporting the rabbits to another location.
- (3) Domestic rodents and ferrets must be confined to a cage or fenced area on the property of their owners and may not leave the property unless the owner is transporting the rodents or ferrets to another location.