

ORDINANCE NO. 20240926-002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 3-2-5 (*PROPER CARE OF ANIMALS*) RELATED TO MICROCHIPPING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Section 3-2-5 (*Proper Care of Animals*) is amended to add a new subsection (H) to read:

(H) Microchipping.

- (1) This subsection applies to animals at least four months of age that are not wildlife or livestock.
- (2) In this subsection, MICROCHIPPED ANIMAL means an animal implanted with a registered identification microchip.
- (3) The owner of an animal is responsible for having each animal in their possession microchipped and for maintaining a current registration with a microchip registration company.
- (4) The owner of a microchipped animal shall update contact information, including a new address or telephone number, with the microchip registration company within 30 days of the date of the change in contact information.
- (5) When the ownership of a microchipped animal changes:
 - (a) the previous owner is responsible for ensuring that the microchip is no longer registered in the previous owner's name within 30 days from the date ownership changes; and
 - (b) the new owner is responsible for re-registering the microchip and providing the new owner's address and telephone number within 30 days from the date ownership changes.
- (6) In the event that the health authority determines that an owner has not complied with this subsection, the health authority will provide the owner with educational materials on microchipping.
- (7) Failure to comply with this subsection is not an offense under this title.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on October 7, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED

September 26, 2024

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