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ORDINANCE 06-22
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PROCTOR, MINNESOTA
CONCERNING PET WASTE

The City Council of the City of Proctor does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure pet waste on public and private properties in the City of Proctor is properly disposed of so as not cause a nuisance to others and to protect surface waters.

Section 2. Definitions: The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

“Animal.” A dog, cat or other animal kept for amusement or companionship.

“Owner/Custodian.” Any person who harbors, feeds, boards, possesses, keeps or has custody of an animal.

“Immediately.” at once, without delay.

“Soil/defile.” to make unclean from excrement

“Waste.” solid matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement

Section 3. Owner/Custodian Responsibility. Owner or custodian of any animal shall allow animal waste to remain on any public property or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, play area, or common grounds owned jointly by the members of a homeowners' or condominium association, or upon private property other than that of the owner. Waste produced by animals shall be immediately removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Section 4. Unlawful Acts.

A. It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping, or harboring an animal to cause or permit said animal to be on any public or private property, if private property included is not owned or possessed by such person, without having in his/her immediate possession a device for the removal of feces and depository for the transmission of excrement to a proper receptacle.

B. It is unlawful for any person in control of, causing or permitting any animal to be on any public or private property, if private property included is not owned or possessed by such person, to fail to remove feces left by such animal and dispose of it properly.

Section 5. Proper Disposal:

A. Proper disposal of animal waste shall be limited to bagging for disposal in the owner or keeper's waste receptacle, and bagging for disposal in a waste receptacle in a public park or park area.

B. Disposal of animal waste in storm drains is prohibited.

C. Disposal of animal waste in public compost is prohibited.

Section 6. Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the ownership or use of dogs certified by the State of Minnesota as service dogs, seeing-eye dogs by blind persons, dogs when used in police activities by the city, or tracking dogs when used by or with the permission of the city.

Section 7. Persons Authorized to Issue Citations. Any peace officer, animal control officer, park ranger, any duly authorized agent, or any person authorized by the animal control officer may issue citations for violations.

Section 8. Penalty. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a fine in an amount set by resolution of the Council. Any person who is found guilty of subsequent violations of this section shall be punished by a fine in an amount set by resolution of the Council.

Ordinance declared adopted this 18th day of July 2022.



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ATTEST:



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First Reading:

Second Reading:

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