

PROPOSED ANIMAL ORDINANCE CHANGE OR AMENDMENT 2-2026

Section X – Animal Waste Removal and Sanitary Maintenance

1. Removal of Animal Waste — Public Property

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, possesses, or is responsible for any dog, cat, or other domestic animal to allow the animal to defecate on any public property, including but not limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, parks, trails, and public rights-of-way, without immediately removing and properly disposing of the waste.

2. Removal of Animal Waste — Private Property of Others

No animal owner or keeper shall permit their animal to defecate on private property not owned or occupied by them without immediately removing and properly disposing of the waste.

3. Sanitary Maintenance of the Owner's Property

Property owners and occupants who keep dogs, cats, or other domestic animals must maintain their premises in a clean and sanitary manner.

- Animal waste shall be removed from yards, kennels, runs, and other areas often enough to prevent odor, flies, unsanitary conditions, or interference with neighboring property owners' use and enjoyment of their property.
- The accumulation of animal feces on the owner's property that produces odor detectable beyond the property line, attracts pests, or causes unsanitary conditions constitutes a public nuisance.

4. Disposal of Animal Waste

All animal waste collected under this section shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner, including bagging and placing it in a refuse container or other lawful disposal method. Waste shall not be deposited in storm drains, streets, or on public grounds.

5. Enforcement and Civil Fines

- Failure to remove animal waste from public property or private property not owned by the pet owner shall result in a civil fine, established by the City's fee schedule.
- Failure to maintain one's own property in a sanitary manner as required under this section shall also result in a civil fine and may be treated as a public nuisance subject to abatement.
- Each day a violation exists may constitute a separate offense.
- In addition to civil fines, the City may issue administrative citations and require cleanup or nuisance abatement as allowed by ordinance.