

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER FIVE "ANIMAL SERVICES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION 5-61 BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 5-61(d) TO PROVIDE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR A CITIZEN PARTICIPATING IN A TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PROGRAM; AND TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the City provides for standards for the health, safety, and welfare of animals;

WHEREAS, the City has a goal of reducing the number of feral cats; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide the opportunity for citizens to participate in a trap-neuter-return program for community cats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 5-61 is hereby amended by the addition of (d) to read as follows:

Sec. 5-61 (d).

A citizen working with the Animal Services Manager and a non-profit agency as a community cat caretaker in compliance with the city's community cat policy shall have an affirmative defense to any ordinance requirements concerning at large, nuisance, or harboring.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

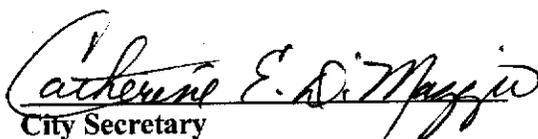
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

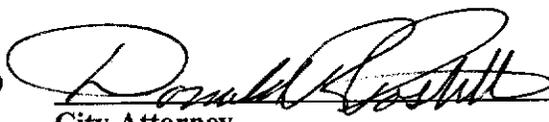
APPROVED:


Ron Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:


Catherine E. DiMaggio
City Secretary


Donald R. Smith
City Attorney