

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINFIELD, IOWA (ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL)

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is necessary to amend Chapter 55 (Animal Protection and Control) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winfield, Iowa (“City Code”), to expand upon the City’s enumeration of declared nuisances.

SECTION 1. CHAPTER MODIFIED. Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winfield, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

55.06 AT LARGE PROHIBITED. It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.

1. Animals that are properly identified are not deemed at large if:
 - A. The animal is on the premises of the owner, or a person given charge of the animal by owner, and is either:
 - (1) Confined on those premises by an adequate protective fence or by a leash, cord, or chain that does not allow the animal to go beyond the owner’s real property line.
 - B. The animal is off the premises of the owner, and it is:
 - (1) On a leash, cord, or chain, not more than six (6) feet in length, and under the control of a person competent to restrain and control the animal; or
 - (2) Confined within a motor vehicle.
 - C. The animal is properly housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel.

55.13 ANIMAL TRAPS. No person shall set traps, other than live traps, in the City for the purpose of apprehending wild or domesticated animals. This section does not prohibit:

1. Trapping mice, rats, or other household vermin; or
2. The setting of traps to destroy moles and other underground pests, so long as the traps used may be triggered only by subsurface action; or
3. The setting of traps in the line of duty by the humane officer, or with written permission from and the supervision of the humane officer or licensed pest control operators; or
4. The setting of live traps on owner’s property.

55.16 ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE.

1. It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to run after or chase persons, bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles.
2. It is unlawful to leave food out for animals at large.

55.17 RABIES VACCINATION. Every owner of a dog or cat shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog or cat in said person’s possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies. Dogs or cats kept in State or Federally licensed kennels and not allowed to run at large are not subject to these vaccination requirements.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication as required by law.

Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Brandy Smith	X	_____	_____	_____
Randy Redlinger	X	_____	_____	_____
Jennifer Lemke	X	_____	_____	_____
Matt Hernandez	X	_____	_____	_____
David Pieart	X	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of April, 2025.

Willie Bender, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

First Reading: February 12, 2025
Second Reading: March 13, 2025
Third Reading: April 9, 2025

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 361
on the 17th day of April, 2025.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk