

Animal Ordinance Amendments

Fees, Bees, and Retail Pet Sales



AWB Priorities:

- Reduce costs to house animals that could go home;
- Preserve relationship between nonprofit animal groups and the for-profit business community; and
- More equitably balance parties' interests and public interest in private beekeeping.



Sec. 5-181. – Fees.

(a) The city council by resolution or as part of the annual budget shall approve a list of fees to redeem any animal impounded by the city. Such fees may include a fee for capturing the animal and a daily board fee.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision in these ordinances, the city manager or his or her designee may reduce, refund, or waive any fee under this chapter.



Sec. 5-181. – Fees.

- Alleviate barriers to owners reclaiming found pets;
- Reduce shelter expenses housing animals that could be sent home; and
- Allow for shelter-clearing promotions and events.





Retail Pet Sales



Retail Sale of Cats & Dogs

- Waco pet shops do not offer cats and dogs for retail sale.
- Waco pet shops work with local nonprofit and animal welfare groups to rehome shelter and foster animals.
- The AWB believes this is the preferred relationship between nonprofit and for-profit animal groups.
- Proposed ordinance amendment seeks to preserve this arrangement.



Sec. 5-131. – Sale of Animals in public place

(e) A pet shop may only display, sell, trade, deliver, barter, lease, auction, give away, transfer, offer for sale or transfer, or otherwise dispose of dogs or cats that the pet shop **has obtained from or displays in cooperation with an animal shelter or an animal welfare group**, as defined.

(f) All pet shops shall maintain records sufficient to document the animal shelter or animal welfare group source of each dog or cat on the premises and make it available upon request to animal care officers, law enforcement, code enforcement officers, or any other city employee charged with enforcing the provisions of this section.



Beekeeping



Sec. 5-97 – Beekeeping

- Clear, enforceable standards
 - Flyway barrier
 - Hive maintenance
 - Queening for temperament
- 150 foot barrier around schools, places of worship, parks, and playgrounds



Misc. Ordinance Amendments

- Definitions
- Animals at large
- Proper restraint
- Nuisance animals



Sec. 5-96 – Nuisance animals.

(b) As used in this article, a bee colony kept pursuant to Section 5-97 is a nuisance when bees from the colony:

(1) make unprovoked attacks on people or other animals of any kind; or

(2) substantially interfere with a property owner's reasonable enjoyment of his or her property.



Sec. 5-98. - Pens and coops; location.

(b) Any person harboring any animal, other than livestock, shall locate any pen, coop, hutch, or other housing at least 50 feet from any residence, excluding the residence of the person harboring the animals.



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