1   **ORDINANCE NO.**

2   **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-26 AND 3-1-27 OF THE CITY**
3   **CODE RELATING TO SPAYING ANIMALS EXIHIBITING VISIBLE SIGNS OF**
4   **PREGNANCY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ANIMAL**
5   **SHELTER.**

6   **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

7   **PART 1.** City Code Section 3-1-26 (*Notice to Rescue Organization*) is amended to delete
8   Subsection (D).

9   **PART 2.** City Code Section 3-1-27 (*Reporting By Animal Shelter*) is amended to
10   read:

11   **§ 3-1-27 REPORTING BY ANIMAL SHELTER.**

12   (A)   The manager of the animal shelter must prepare and make public monthly and
13   annual reports, allowing for permissible delay for some data from outside
14   rescue organizations, that include, for the categories of dogs, cats, other pets,
15   and wildlife:

16   (1)   the number of animals impounded;

17   (2)   the number of animals euthanized, and for each, a description of the
18   animal, including age, species, and size, and the reason for euthanasia;

19   (3)   the live-release rate for non-wildlife animals[, which must be calculated
20   by dividing the number of non-wildlife animals released alive during the
21   reporting period by the number of non-wildlife animals with final
22   dispositions during the same period; non-wildlife animals released alive
23   are impounded non-wildlife animals that were adopted, transferred to
24   rescue organizations, reclaimed by owner, released, or stolen, and does
25   not include non-wildlife animals in the shelter's foster system; non-
26   wildlife animals with final dispositions are non-wildlife animals released
27   alive and impounded non-wildlife animals that were euthanized, died in
28   kennel or foster, missing, and does include non-wildlife animals
29   euthanized by owner request or court order, but does not include non-
30   wildlife animals in the shelter's foster system];

31   (4)   the number of animals adopted;

32   (5)   the number of animals returned to owner after impoundment, and the
33   number of animals returned to owner before impoundment;

34   (6)   the number of animals placed into the shelter's foster program during the
35   period, and the number of animals within the shelter's foster program on
36   the date of reporting;

37   (7)   the number of animals over four weeks of age that received vaccinations
38   upon intake, and the number of animals over four weeks of age that did
39   not receive vaccinations upon intake;

40   (8)   the amount of money paid to third-party providers of services to the
41   City-operated animal shelter for emergency medical treatment, spaying
42   or neutering, or post-adoption care;

43   (9)   the number of animals spayed or neutered at the shelter, and the number
44   of animals spayed or neutered outside the shelter under a contract with
45   the City of Austin;

46   (10)   the number of animals that died in the shelter or within the shelter's
47   foster program, and the suspected cause of death for each;

48   (11)   the number of animals transferred to a rescue organization, and unless a
49   rescue organization opts out of the disclosure in writing, the number of
50   animals transferred to and identity of each rescue organization that
51   accepted transferred animals during the period;

52   [(12) the number of spays performed on animals that are visibly pregnant;]

53   (12[3]) the number of animals lost, stolen, or missing;

54   (13[4]) the City-operated animal shelter's live-release-rate goal;

55   (14[5]) the number of cats released under the animal shelter's shelter-neuter-
56   return program, reported by age group; under three months, three to six
57   months, and older than six months; and

58   (15[6]) the number of intact animals adopted or returned to owner, and an
59   explanation for each.

60 (B)   The live release rate is calculated by dividing the number of impounded non-

61 wildlife animals released alive during the reporting period by the number of
62 non-wildlife animals with final dispositions during the same period.

63 (C) When calculating the live release rate,

64 (1) a non-wildlife animal is released alive when the animal is adopted,
65   transferred to rescue organizations, reclaimed by owner, released, or
66   stolen;

67 (2) a non-wildlife animal is not included in the calculation if the non-
68   wildlife animal is in the shelter's foster system; and

69 (3) a non-wildlife animal has a final disposition at the time live release rate
70   is calculated if the animal:

71   (a) was released alive;

72   (b) was euthanized, including by owner request;

73   (c) died in kennel or foster; or

74   (d) is missing.

75 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2025.

76 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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79 _____, 2025   § _____
80   Kirk Watson
81   Mayor
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84 **APPROVED:** _____ **ATTEST:** _____
85   Deborah Thomas   Erika Brady
86   City Attorney   City Clerk
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