

ANIMAL WELFARE ORDINANCE NO. O-1819-30
Sections to be considered separately

Sec. 3-205. Sale and disposition of animals not retrieved by owners. [AMENDED]

(8) Animals in custody of Norman Animal Welfare, or partnering organizations as part of a Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program or a return to field program may be returned to their original location in accordance with common program standards. Further, cats trapped from identified feral colonies and placed in the custody of the Animal Welfare Center who have no identifiable owner may, after necessary holding times, alterations, examinations, and vaccinations be returned to their original location at the shelter staff's discretion. Notification of residents shall be required when a cat is re-released on their street.

Sec. 3-402. Tethering. [NEW SECTION]

(1) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to keep or maintain the animal on a tie-out, tether, picket, or similar device consisting of a rope, chain, cable, or other type of tether for any duration unless continually supervised by its owner or other adult responsible for the animal at the time. Exemptions to this section may be granted by any Animal Welfare Officer or Commissioned Police Officer.

(2) Any person who receives an exemption shall ensure that the animal will not be on the tie-out, tether, picket, or similar device for any duration under conditions which may reasonably threaten the health or well-being of the animal. The owner of a dog or cat maintained on a tether of any type shall properly fit the animal with a harness or collar to which the tether shall be attached. The tether shall be of adequate length to allow reasonable exercise, access to water, shelter, and shall not be subject to entanglement with other objects in any manner that may cause the animal any injury or clear discomfort or be of a weight disproportionate to the size of the animal so tethered as to unduly burden the animal. Tethering dogs or cats using choke-chains or prong collars is prohibited. Tethering of an unsupervised dog or cat is prohibited when the outside air temperature is not between 35 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Sec. 3-40~~3~~2. Confinement of dogs and cats. [AMENDED]

(1) No person shall knowingly or unknowingly permit his dog to be at large anywhere within the Norman City limits; and such dogs found at large may be impounded and/or the owner cited by the City.

(2) No person shall knowingly or unknowingly permit his cat to be at large unless the cat is altered, current on its vaccinations as required in this chapter, has a valid issued pet license, and has either a collar with a valid City pet license attached or has a registered microchip containing accurate and current information for the owner, notwithstanding that the cat could still be determined to be a nuisance animal by its actions as defined in Section 3-113 and Section 3-409.

Sec. 3-503. Use of animals at festivals, carnivals, and other similar events. [\[NEW SECTION\]](#)

(1) It shall be unlawful to allow for the use of any camel, pony, llama, elephant, zebra, giraffe, or exotic animals defined in Section 3-119 at any event, festival, carnival, or other function held on public or city-owned property for the purpose of a ride, attraction, entertainment, or other similar activity;

(2) Official mascots or representative of a local school, college, university or other educational institution shall be exempt from this section as long as the animal(s) are being properly cared for and are not exotic in nature as defined within this chapter;

(3) Ponies appearing in a parade shall be allowed on private or public property;

(4) Any use of any camel, pony, llama, elephant, zebra, giraffe, at any event, festival, carnival, or other function held on privately owned property for the purpose of a ride, attraction, entertainment, or other similar activity shall only be allowed upon the receipt and acceptance of a permit for such activity;

(5) The issuance acceptance of a permit for such activity shall require agreement from the person(s) responsible for the property and the event to the inspection of the permitted location, any involved animals, and any areas or location where the involved animals are housed or transported. Such inspections may be carried out at the sole determination of the city and may take place during, before and/or after the event. The focus of the inspection shall be limited to ensuring the proper care and wellbeing of the involved animal(s). Should the inspecting officer determine any animal's health may be in danger, appropriate criminal charges should be issued to the responsible person and the permit may be immediately revoked.

Sec. 3-505. Number of large reptiles allowed. [\[NEW SECTION\]](#)

No person shall knowingly and intentionally harbor, possess or keep large reptiles, such as snakes, lizards, or tortoises that are capable of exceeding forty (40) pounds at an adult age on any lot, premises or in any structure, without first completing registration with the Animal Welfare Manager and/or Animal Welfare Supervisor so that a confidential list of locations may be recorded for public safety needs. Contents of this list shall not be available for public review or release without court order. For the purpose of this section, these reptiles may include but are not limited to the Burmese Python, African Rock Python, Reticulated Python, Green Anaconda, Yellow Anaconda, Komodo Dragon African Spurred-Thigh Tortoise.

Animals naturally gathering or living in an outdoor setting area where the animals are not kept for commercial uses shall not be counted towards the limits set within this section. Nothing within this section shall allow for animals prohibited within Section 3-501.

§ 8. Effective date. The effective date of the Ordinance shall be September 1, 2019.