

ORDINANCE NO. 25-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 90.999 OF CHAPTER 90 OF TITLE IX OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) TO CLARIFY THE ANIMAL FORFEITURE PROVISIONS FOR ANIMALS AT LARGE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

WHEREAS, within the penalty ordinance for Animal at Large (City Code Section § 90.999) it is indicated that a fourth violation would entail a forfeiture of the animal; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend its City Code Section § 90.099 (D)(4) as it currently references subsection "(B)" however it should reference subsection "(C)"; and

WHEREAS, City desires to amend City Code Section § 90.099 (C) to better read with subsection (D)(4) as the term "violation" as used here would equally be a conviction, not just a "warning or citation".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Section 90.999 of Chapter 90 of Title IX of the Columbus City Code be amended and revised to read as follows:

§ 90.999 PENALTY.

(A) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is provided shall be punished as set forth in § 10.99.

(B) Violence on a service dog and interference with a service dog are crimes punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

(C) Any owner of any animal regulated by this chapter who fails repeatedly to care for or control the animal and has been convicted of violating one or more provisions of this chapter on four or more occasions within any 12-month period, shall be deemed to be maintaining a nuisance, the abatement of which shall be the forfeiture of the animal or animals in violation.

(D) Any person, upon violation of the provisions of §§ 90.015, 90.031, 90.032 or 90.033, who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of these sections shall be in violation of this chapter, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined as follows:

- (1) First violation: \$25 fine;
- (2) Second violation: \$50 fine;
- (3) Third violation: \$75 fine; and
- (4) Fourth violation: Forfeiture of animal, as per division (C) above.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall repeal all Ordinances or portions thereof and in conflict herewith.

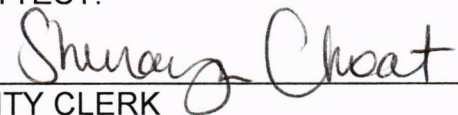
Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. Publication shall be in pamphlet form as authorized by § 16-405 of Nebraska Revised Statutes with distribution to be made by making copies available to the public upon request at the City office.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER 

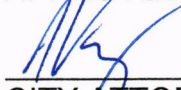
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3 DAY OF March, 2025.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY

