

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 140080)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” by amending Chapter 10-100, entitled “Animals,” by providing further for the proper care and treatment of certain animals and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY.

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CHAPTER 10-100. ANIMALS.

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§ 10-114. Animal Care – Requirements for Animal Owners and Kennels.

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(3) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1) and (2), any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of a dog shall not allow the animal to remain outdoors (except for brief walks and brief periods of exercise) whenever a Code Blue, Code Grey or Code Red weather emergency has been declared by the City.

(a) A dog shall be considered outdoors unless the dog has access to a doghouse or structure that is in good repair and complies with the following requirements:

(.1) It shall be of a suitable size to accommodate the dog in both standing and lying positions;

(.2) It shall be moisture-proof, windproof, ventilated, and in cold temperatures shall promote the retention of body heat;

(.3) It shall be made of durable material with a solid, moisture-proof floor raised at least two inches from the ground;

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(.4) It shall have a sufficient quantity of suitable clean bedding material consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings or the equivalent to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness;

(.5) Drinking water is available in a clean, liquid state. Snow or ice is not an acceptable water source;

(.6) The doghouse or similar structure and the surrounding area shall be free from excessive dirt, trash and waste;

(.7) In Code Blue and Code Grey situations (relating to extreme cold temperatures), in addition to the requirements set forth in subsections (3)(a) (.1) through (.6), the doghouse or similar structure shall have a windbreak at the entrance; and

(.8) In Code Red situations (relating to extreme heat), in addition to the requirements set forth in subsections (3)(a) (.1) through (.6), all dogs must be afforded one or more separate areas of shade large enough to accommodate the entire body of the dog at one time and protect it from the direct rays of the sun.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on May 22, 2014. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on June 4, 2014.



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Chief Clerk of the City Council