

**ORDINANCE NO. 161**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 159 AND ENACTING  
ORDINANCE NO. 161**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADAMS, MINNESOTA, DOES HEREBY  
ORDAIN:**

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING  
THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF DOGS, AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF ADAMS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
THE ORDINANCE".**

It is the policy of the City of Adams that dogs and other domestic animals within the city limits shall be under the control of their owners at all times while not located on their owner's premises. Additionally, it is the policy of the City of Adams that owners of domestic animals should not permit their animals to unreasonably or unnecessarily disturb others.

In furtherance of the above-stated policies, the City of Adams, HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have these meanings ascribed to them:

- A. "Run at Large": Not under restraint.
- B. "Under Restraint": On a leash which is physically controlled by person so as to prevent the animal from entering the premises of another, or attacking, molesting or physically annoying any person or other animal. Any unattended animal on the property of another, without the consent of such other property owner, is not "under restraint" even though it is on a leash.
- C. "Domestic Animal": Any canine or feline animal, male or female, whole or neutered, over six months of age.
- D. "Owner" or "To Own": Any person owning, or having charge or control of any animal, or permitting any animal to habitually be or remain on or be lodged or fed within such person's house, yard or premises for a period of three days or longer.

**SECTION 2. RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.**

It is unlawful for any person who is the owner, or other person in possession, of a domestic animal, to permit such domestic animal to run at large.

## SECTION 6. ANIMAL HOUSING/STRUCTURES.

Every animal structure in which animals are kept must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition free of rodents, vermin and objectionable odors. Manure shall be removed with sufficient frequency to avoid nuisance from objectionable odors or breeding of flies. No animal structure may be maintained in any front yard or closer than 5 feet to the side or rear of property lines.

## SECTION 7. NUMBER OF ANIMALS PER HOUSEHOLD OR RESIDENCE.

No person may own more than four domestic animals per household, residence or dwelling unit and no more than two canine animals over six months of age.

## SECTION 8. MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS.

No owner shall fail to provide any animal with sufficient food, water, shelter, veterinary care or humane care and treatment. It shall be unlawful for an owner to keep any animal in the city in an unsanitary or in humane condition or in a manner resulting in offensive, disagreeable or objectionable odors.

No person shall beat, cruelly treat, torment or otherwise abuse any animal, by means of animal fights or otherwise, nor shall the owner of any domestic animal abandon such animal.


## SECTION 9. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

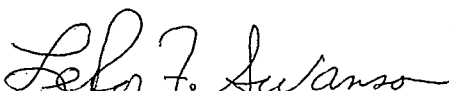
Any owner who is found to be in violation of any section of this Ordinance or combination thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which may be punished by a fine, jail or both as provided for by Minnesota Statute Chapter 609 or any amendment thereto.

## SECTION 10. FINES

- A. \$20.00 fine for the first warning regarding any animal in violation of this Ordinance.
- B. \$50.00 fine for the second violation per animal determined to be re-violating this Ordinance.
- C. \$250.00 fine for each recurring violation per animal determined to be re-violating this Ordinance.
- D. All fines shall also apply to any farm animals running at large in the City that cause a violation of this Ordinance.

Passed by the City Council of Adams, Minnesota, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2001.

  
James Kiefer, City Clerk

  
LeRoy Swanson, Mayor