



CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ORDINANCE SECTION 90.999

WHEREAS, the City of Raton repealed Ordinance 676 in its entirety and replaced it with a new Animal Care and Control Ordinance No. 995 adopted on August 22, 2017;

WHEREAS, the intent of the new ordinance is to protect residents from immediate threat to health or safety; regulate, restrain and prohibit the running at large of animals within the boundary of the town; provide for the impounding and disposition of animals found running at large; prohibit cruelty to animals; promote a rural and animal friendly character within the City and reduce the number of unplanned or unwanted litters of puppies and kittens so as to reduce the large numbers of dogs and cats within the city that are neglected, mistreated, abandoned, or relinquished to shelters.

WHEREAS, citations in Municipal Court have been dismissed without prejudice because the wording in Section 90.999(B) makes reference to the word misdemeanor and should be changed to petty misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 90.999. Code of Municipal Ordinances, be, and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 90.999. PENALTY

(B) Every person convicted of a violation of any provisions of § 90.105 (rabies vaccination require) shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days or by both the fine and imprisonment. Every day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect five days after it has been adopted by this Governing Body and published, as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

CITY OF RATON

ATTEST:

James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor

Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk