

An Ordinance Ensuring Certain Rights of Companion Animals within the City of [INSERT CITY]

Section 1: Definitions

Bodily Integrity: Freedom from physical harm by any entity, except when clearly in the best interest of the Companion Animal.

Bodily Autonomy: Freedom from the infliction of any action, or failure to act, that prevents the expression of dog or cat's natural behaviors, including the freedom to move about, or causes emotional, psychological, or mental harm, except when clearly in the best interest of the Companion Animal.

Companion Animal: Any dog, cat, or other animal of a species who are companions to human beings.

Entity: Any individual, organization, partnership, corporation, trust, or other private group, or its agent or employee, and any officer, employee, agent, department or instrumentality of the Federal or State government that is subject to the jurisdiction of the City of [CITY], [STATE].

Section 2: Rights

Each Companion Animal within the city of [CITY], [STATE] shall have the rights to Bodily Autonomy and Bodily Integrity.

Section 3: Enforcement

Any Entity may bring a complaint to the [INSERT] Court alleging a violation of Section 2 of this Ordinance. Upon receipt of any such complaint, the Court shall appoint a Guardian Ad Litem to represent the best interests of the Companion Animal. Such Guardian Ad Litem shall possess a demonstrated commitment to advancing the legal rights of the Companion Animal. Upon a finding of a violation of the rights set forth in Section 2, the Court shall order all necessary and appropriate remedies to ensure the Bodily Autonomy and/or Bodily Integrity of the Companion Animal.

Section 4: Divestment

The City of [INSERT] hereby commits to not award grants, invest in, or offer any funds to any business or activity that violates the rights to Bodily Autonomy and Bodily Integrity of any Companion Animal. The City of [INSERT] further urges all state and federal agencies to issue an immediate moratorium on funding any business or activity that violates the rights to Bodily Autonomy and Bodily Integrity of any Companion Animal.