

**ORDINANCE No. 2012-122  
CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES TO REGULATING THE RELEASING, DUMPING, ABANDONING, INJURY, OR KILLING OF DOGS, CATS, OR ANY DOMESTIC ANIMAL OR WILD BIRD WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES:

That, the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct; and,

That if any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and,

That the City Council officially finds, determines, recites, and declares that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

That section 6-38 of the Shoreacres City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 6-38. Releasing and dumping of animals.**

- (a) It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to dump, release, or abandon any animal, whatsoever on any property, whether public of private, within the city.
- (b) [Any person who keeps, harbors, feeds, shelters or otherwise allows any stray animal or any animal which has been dumped, released, or abandoned, to remain on his property or allows or permits egress or ingress for three or more days without notifying the regulatory authority shall be deemed the owner of said animal.] Any person having knowledge of any animal which has been, or is believed to have been dumped, released, or abandoned, shall notify the humane officer or regulatory authority and shall give all pertinent information, including description and location of the animal and the name, address, car license, or any other

information or description of the person who dumped, released, or abandoned the animal, if known.

- (c) Any person, who takes up any animal found at large, shall immediately give notice to the humane officer or regulatory authority. Every such person, or any person in whose custody such animal may be placed, shall upon demand, deliver such animal to the humane officer or regulatory authority.

That the Shoreacres City Code is hereby amended by adding to Chapter 6 "Article II Animal Control," a section to be numbered 6-42, which section read as follows:

**Sec. 6-42. Killing or injuring animals.**

No person shall intentionally kill, cut, maim, or injure in any manner any dog, cat or domestic animal or any domestic or wild bird, within the city

This Ordinance shall be effective June 11, 2012, after its passage and approval. The City Secretary shall give notice of the passage of this ordinance by causing the caption hereof to be published in the official newspaper of the City of Shoreacres at least once after the passage of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11th day of June 2012.

(CITY SEAL)

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Dolly Arons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David K. Stall, CFM, City Clerk  
City Secretary