

ORDINANCE NO. 9461-2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IX (GENERAL REGULATIONS),  
CHAPTER 90 (ANIMAL CONTROL), SECTION 90.06 (ANIMAL CARE)  
OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS (THE "CITY"), IS A DULY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING MUNICIPALITY CREATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE IS NOW OPERATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CODE, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED AND AS A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION OF 1970; AND IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS HOME RULE POWERS.

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

**Section 1.** Title IX (General Regulations), Chapter 90 (Animal Control), Section 90.06 (Animal Care) of the Revised Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by repealing such Section 90.06 (Animal Care) in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof Section 90.06 (Animal Care) as follows:

**§ 90.06 ANIMAL CARE.**

(A) *Proper care.* No owner shall fail to provide his or her animal(s) with food or water in sufficient quantities, proper air, shelter space and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering and humane care and treatment, to include rabies vaccination and registration with county Animal Control.

(B) *Animal abuse.* No person shall beat, cruelly treat, torment, overload, overwork or to otherwise abuse an animal or knowingly allow same to be done.

(C) *Animal transportation.* No person shall carry or keep any animal bound or tied by its legs or bound down by the neck so that it cannot freely stand in an upright position while being transported, or by carrying or keeping any animal(s) in a crate or cage so constructed as to permit the animal(s) to push its head between the slats or wires or other openings of the crate or cage, unless the spaces between the slats or wires are also sufficient to permit the animal(s) to freely withdraw its head therefrom.

(D) *Animals as prizes.* No person shall give away any live animal(s), fish, reptile or bird: as a prize for, or as an inducement to enter, any contest, game or other competition; as an inducement to enter a place of amusement; or as an incentive to enter into any business agreement whereby the offer was for the purpose of attracting trade, except for special circumstances with permission granted by the Mayor.

(E) *Exposing poison.* No person shall expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not, so that the same is accessible and may be eaten by any animal; provided that, it shall be lawful for a person to expose on his or her own property common rat poison mixed only with vegetable substance.

(F) *Farm animals.* No person shall keep any goats, pigs, sheep, cattle or other farm animals of any kind anywhere in the city. No person shall raise, maintain or have upon any property within the city any ducks, geese, guinea hens, pigeons and other similar fowl. Except as otherwise expressly permitted under this chapter, no person shall raise, maintain or have upon any property within the city any chicken. This limitation shall not apply to any person or persons within the city limits who, on the date of the enactment of this subchapter, own farm animals which is at least 150 feet of any residence other than the residence of the person so keeping or having such animals. This limitation shall not apply to those premises annexed to the city; and, provided that, the farm animals were kept on the premises on the date of such annexation and continuously thereafter; and, provided further that, such premises have remained the same size as when first annexed to the city. However, this shall not be construed to allow such person or persons to replace farm animals upon the death or loss of such animal with a like number of farm animals. [Furthermore, the limitation in this subsection shall not apply to schools within the City limits that provide 4H or other husbandry classes/programs.](#)

(G) *Horse stables.* No person, firm or corporation may stable or otherwise keep a horse or horses anywhere in the city, except on premises where keeping of horses was lawful under the ordinances of the county at the time such premises were annexed to the city and provided that horses were kept on the premises on the date of such annexation and continuously thereafter; and, provided further that, such premises have remained the same size as when first annexed to the city.

(H) *Diseased animals.* No animal infested with any disease, whether contagious or pestilential, shall be brought into the city or shall be allowed to remain in the city without proper medical care being sought by the owner.

(I) *Injury of owned at large animals.* Any person who allows his or her animal(s) to run at large is responsible for veterinary fees if the animal is injured by a motor vehicle.

(J) *Giving away animals in public places.* It is a violation to give away dogs or cats in public places including, but not limited to, a grocery store, drugstore, shopping centers or swap meets.

(K) *Dead animals.* Any person being the owner or occupant of any premises within the city having a dead animal on the premises shall, within 24 hours, remove or cause the removal of the dead animal. Failure to remove the dead animal will result in the Sanitation Department removing such animal and charging the owner of the animal, and/or placing a lien on the property of the owner.

(L) *Animal waste.* The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excrement deposited by the animal(s) on public walks, streets, recreation areas, private property or any other property located within the city.

(M) *Hunting, trapping and the like.* No person shall hunt, kill, entrap, injure or destroy by any means any bird or animal within the city limits, unless first having obtained permission from the Chief of Police and the state. Humane trapping by the

humane society, Animal Control, Police Department or their designees shall be exempt from this provision.

(N) *Feeding stray animals.* No person shall willingly feed stray domestic animals whereby allowing the animals to continue to run at large, except as permitted under § 90.51 of this Code.

**Section 2.** That conflicting Ordinances or pertinent portions thereof in force the time this takes effect are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in pamphlet form, all as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2026 on the following roll call vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Bryan Whitaker	<u>X</u>	_____
Lillian Schneider	<u>X</u>	_____
Carmen Duco	<u>X</u>	_____
Gigi Dowling-Urban	EXCUSED	_____
Kent Randle	<u>X</u>	_____
Scott Ferguson	<u>X</u>	_____
Johnnie Anthony	<u>X</u>	_____
Raffi Ovian	<u>X</u>	_____
Ed Dintelman	<u>X</u>	_____
Kathy Kaiser	<u>X</u>	_____
Dr. Mary Stiehl	<u>X</u>	_____
Chris Rothweiler	<u>X</u>	_____
Phil Elmore	<u>X</u>	_____
Dennis Weygandt	<u>X</u>	_____
Nora Sullivan	<u>X</u>	_____
Kara Osthoff	<u>X</u>	_____

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

