

Drafted by	City Clerk
Sponsored by/Referred by	Councilor Daubert
Introduced on	April 27, 2015
Advertised on	May 5, 2015

BILL NO. 22 2015
AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 141, PART 2 ANIMALS, SECTION 205 CARING FOR ANIMALS BY ADDING DOG CODE BLUE REQUIREMENTS.

THE CITY OF READING CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, it is the objective and mission of Council to protect the public health and safety of its citizens and to promote the general welfare of the citizens and animals residing within the City. Animal ownership is encouraged and welcomed within this City; however, strong emphasis is placed on the responsible ownership of animals. Animal owners are encouraged to respect the rights of their fellow citizens and also those of their animals; and

WHEREAS, As the City's Animal Control Agent, the Animal Rescue League's (ARL) mission is to impact all aspects of humane treatment of animals through quality service, accommodation, and education of pet owners and the community.

SECTION 1. Amending the City Code, Chapter 141, Part 2 Animals, Section 205 Caring For Animals by adding Dog Code Blue and Code Red requirements and renumbering the Section, as follows:

§ 141-205. Caring for animals.

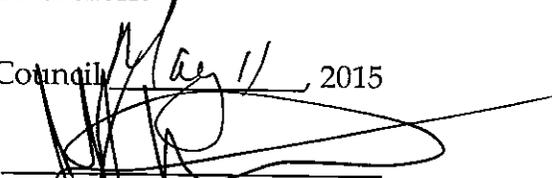
1. Pa. Code Animal Regulations; see 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5511.
2. The City's Animal Control Agent shall have the authority to announce/call a Code Blue, relating to extreme cold, or Code Red, relating to extreme heat, requiring the owners of dogs to protect the unattended dog from the extreme

heat or cold by bringing the dog into the place where the owner or person who has custody, control or possession of the dog resides.

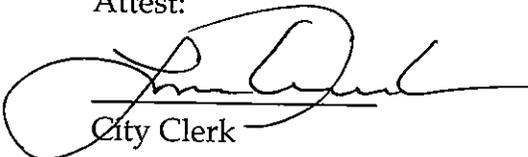
- A. A Code Blue may be called by the Animal Control Agent when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts a wind chill temperature of 20 degrees Fahrenheit or below or precipitation with temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
- B. A Code Red may be called by the Animal Control Agent when the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts an extended weather forecast that includes at least three consecutive days of 95° F or above temperatures.
- C. The Animal Control Agent shall announce the declaration of the Code Blue or Code Red on its website, to all local media outlets, and to the social media outlets it regularly uses to communicate with the public. A minimum of eight (8) hours notice shall be provided to Reading residents.
- D. In addition to the requirements of the Pa. Code Animal Regulations as per Section 1 herein, any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of a dog shall not allow the animal to remain unattended outdoors (except for brief walks and brief periods of exercise) whenever a Code Blue or Code Red weather emergency has been declared by the City's Animal Control Agent.
- E. If the City's Animal Control Agent finds that any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of a dog has not complied with the regulations herein, the City's Animal Control Agent shall have the ability to impound the dog, as per § 141-214. Impoundment Part 6.
- F. Upon impoundment, the City's Animal Control Agent shall follow the procedures in § 141-215. Notice to owner and redemption.
- G. Any person in violation of this Part shall be subject to the provisions of § 141-221 Violations and Penalties, herein.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days of approval in accordance with Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

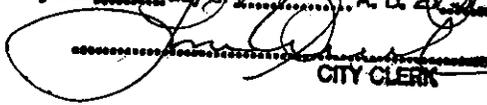
Enacted by Council May 11, 2015


Vice President of Council

Attest:


City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 11 day of May, A. D. 2015. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 11 day of May, A. D. 2015.


CITY CLERK

Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: 5/12/15

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: 5/12/15

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date: 5/12/15

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

