

CITY OF MANSFIELD

ORDINANCE NO _____ OF 2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF MANSFIELD CODE BY DELETING CHAPTER 5 SECTION 5.31 THROUGH 5.33. (4) AND REPLACING THOSE PROVISIONS WITH CHAPTER 5 BELOW REGARDING SMALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Mansfield, Louisiana, after public hearing as prescribed by law, that the Mansfield Code is amended as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 5 Section 5.31 through 5.33(4) of the Mansfield Code are hereby deleted and replaced with the following Chapter 5 as follows:

CHAPTER 5
ANIMALS AND FOWL*

State law references: Regulation of dogs by local authorities, R.S. 3:2731 et seq. local regulation of livestock on public highways, R.S. 3:3001 et seq.; Rabies Control Law, R.S. 40:1275. Title 14. Criminal Law Chapter 1 Criminal Code. Part VI. Offenses Affecting the Public Generally. Subpart B. Offenses Affecting the Public Sensibility. §102. Definitions; cruelty to animals - §102.1 - 26.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Applicability

This ordinance shall be effective in and apply within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Mansfield, Louisiana, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Mansfield Animal Control Ordinance".
(Previously Code 1964, §5-6)

Definitions¹

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and derivations when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandon shall mean the act of completely forsaking or deserting an animal previously under the custody or possession of an owner or keeper without making reasonable arrangements for its proper care, sustenance, and shelter.

Adopter: A person who is legally competent to enter into a contract and who is adopting or buying a dog or cat from a releasing agency.

Adult animal: Any dog or cat that has reached the age of 180 days or six months or more.

Aggravated Cruelty shall mean an act by any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence mistreats any living animal whether belonging to him or another by any act or omission which causes or permits unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain, suffering, or death.

Animal shall mean any vertebrate creature, living or dead, domestic or wild, including but not limited to mammals, birds, fowl, reptile, amphibian, and fish, except when referring specifically to the control of rabies when the word "animal" shall mean only mammal. For the purposes of this ordinance, animal shall not include homo sapiens.

Animal control services shall mean the entity comprised of the Director, supervisor, animal control officers,