

## Ordinance No. 2023-09

### An Ordinance relating to release of impounded animals; amending sections 925.025 and 925.035 of the Minnetonka City Code

The City of Minnetonka Ordains:

Section 1. Section 925.025 of the Minnetonka City Code is amended to read as follows:

**925.025. Animals seized under animal cruelty law or fighting animals law.**

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision in this section, the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, ~~section sections~~ 343.235 and 343.31, shall be followed for any animal governed by either of those statutes~~that statute~~.

Section 2. Section 925.035 of the Minnetonka City Code, relating to redeeming impounded animals, is amended to read as follows:

**925.035. Redeeming Animals.**

Except as otherwise required by section 925.025 of this ordinance, the city will follow the procedures in this section. Upon the impounding of ~~an a dog or other~~ animal, the city must promptly notify the owner personally or by mail, addressed to the owner's last known address. If the owner is unknown, the city must post a ~~written~~ notice ~~on at~~ the city ~~website~~hall and two other public places in the city describing the ~~dog or other~~ animal and any distinguishing characteristics, and providing the date, time and location where the animal was seized. The notice must state where the animal is impounded and that it can be redeemed within five business days after the date of the notice by paying the ~~city payment of~~: a) the required impounding fee established in chapter 710 and b) the cost of boarding for each day the dog or other animal is confined. No animal ~~dog~~ may be released unless properly inoculated for rabies. The impounding facility may not release an animal until it has received authorization to do so from authorized city personnel.

Section 3. This ordinance is effective 30 days after publication.

Adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on July 17, 2023.

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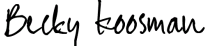


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Brad Wiersum, Mayor

The ~~stricken~~ language is deleted; the underlined language is inserted.

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 Becky Koosman, City Clerk

**Action on this Ordinance:**

Date of introduction: June 26, 2023  
 Date of adoption: July 17, 2023  
 Motion for adoption: Calvert  
 Seconded by: Schack  
 Voted in favor of: Schack-Wilburn-Calvert-Schaeppi-Coakley-Wiersum  
 Voted against: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Absent: Kirk  
 Ordinance adopted.

| Date of publication: August 3, 2023

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on July 17, 2023.

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 Becky Koosman, City Clerk