

**CITY OF ESPANOLA
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 137-22 “ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; FERAL CAT COLONIES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ESPANOLA; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amendment of current City Code is necessary to prevent cruelty, harm, suffering, abandonment or death of animals caused by irresponsible pet owners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare to prohibit residents from maintaining feral cat colonies within City limits; and

WHEREAS, current City Code permits feral cat colony managers to maintain feral cat colonies within City limits; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO:

Section 2. Section 137-22, subparagraph (D) is repealed in its entirety and amended to read:

It is unlawful for any person to maintain a feral cat colony within City limits by trapping, feeding, vaccinating, neutering or releasing members of a feral cat colony. Any person maintaining a feral cat colony within City limits as of the Effect Date of this ordinance shall cease all activity that supports the colony. Any permits or other regulatory approvals made by the City to persons actively managing a feral cat colony are hereby revoked and are of no further force or effect.

Effective Date. The amendments set forth in this ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED the 22nd day of February, 2022.



Javier E. Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angelica M. Serrano, City Clerk