

**CITY OF BLOOMFIELD**

**ORDINANCE # 440**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II Dogs SEC. 4-20**

**OF THE BLOOMFIELD CITY CODE**

**Abandonment; neglect**

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomfield has previously enacted Article II Section 4-20 Abandonment; neglect of the Bloomfield Municipal Code.


WHEREAS, it has become necessary to enhance this ordinance and include items (a)(b)(c) and (d)

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail, refuse or neglect to provide any animal in his charge or custody, as owner or otherwise, with proper food and drink, and adequate shade and shelter. It shall also be unlawful to carry any animal in or leave any animal in a vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner fail to provide necessary medical care.
- (b) Adequate shade and shelter means a structurally sound, adequately ventilated, weatherproof, insulated structure that is comprised of nontoxic material and interior solid floors that minimize injury and discomfort to the animal. The structure must be clean and of a suitable size to maintain the animal's normal body warmth and to limit overcrowding by properly accommodating the specific animal or animals. The structure must protect the animal from extreme heat or cold conditions and must allow the animal to get out of wet conditions and keep dry. The animal must be able to lie down fully and rise to its feet, in a natural manner, consistent with the animal's species.
- (c) Proper food means food served in a clean receptacle, dish or container and of a quantity and wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species' physical condition and age to maintain an adequate level of nutrition. Proper drink means constant access to a supply of clean, fresh, potable water provided in a sanitary manner and at suitable intervals of the species and in no event at less than 24-hour intervals.
- (d) If temperatures and conditions exist which cause unnecessary suffering by the animal, at the discretion of the animal control or police officer, a violation of this section may result in the immediate impoundment of the animal pursuant to Section 4-052 of the Bloomfield Municipal Code

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD:

Article II Section 4-20 of the Bloomfield Municipal Code is amended.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> OF August, 2010.

  
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Mayor Scott Eckstein

ATTEST:

