

THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH
A Municipal Corporation

ORDINANCE NO. 23-06

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WEST JORDAN CITY CODE, TITLE 6,
CHAPTER 3 ANIMAL CONTROL, SECTION 6-3B-3 EXEMPTIONS TO
LICENSING AND FEES; INCLUDING COMMUNITY CATS AND SECTION 6-3B-4
LIMITATION ON LICENSES AND DOGS**

WHEREAS, the City of West Jordan (“City”) adopted the West Jordan City Code (“City Code”) in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (“City Council”) desires to amend certain sections of the City Code, regarding the City’s Community Cats Program and licensing of dogs and cats; and


WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City to adopt the following City Code amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:


- Section 1.** Amendment of Code Provisions. City Code Title, 6, Chapter 3, Sections 6-3B-3 and 6-3B-4 are hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A.
- Section 2.** Severability. If any section, part, or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance and all other sections, parts, and provisions shall be severable.
- Section 3.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective after posting or publication as provided by law and upon (i) the Mayor signing the Ordinance, (ii) the City Council duly overriding the veto of the Mayor as provided by law, or (iii) the Mayor failing to sign or veto the Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after the City Council presents the Ordinance to the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

CITY OF WEST JORDAN

By: 
[Christopher McConnehey \(Feb 27, 2023 18:41 MST\)](#)
Christopher McConnehey
Council Chair

ATTEST:



Cindy Quick, MMC
Council Office Clerk

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Voting by the City Council

“YES”

“NO”

Council Chair Christopher McConnehey

Council Vice Chair Pamela Bloom

Council Member Kelvin Green

Council Member Zach Jacob

Council Member David Pack

Council Member Kayleen Whitelock

Council Member Melissa Worthen



PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023.

Mayor’s Action: X Approve Deny

By: 
Mayor Dirk Burton

 Feb 28, 2023
Date

ATTEST:

 
Tangee Sloan, CMC
City Recorder



STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OR PASSAGE (check one)

 X The Mayor approved and signed Ordinance No. 23-06

 The Mayor vetoed Ordinance No. 23-06 _____ and the City Council timely overrode the veto of the Mayor by a vote of _____ to _____.

 Ordinance No. 23-06 _____ became effective by operation of law without the Mayor’s approval or disapproval.



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Tangee Sloan, CMC
City Recorder

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Tangee Sloan, certify that I am the City Recorder of the City of West Jordan, Utah, and that a short summary of the foregoing ordinance was published on the Utah Public Notices Website on the 2nd day of March 2023. The fully executed copy of the Ordinance is retained in the Office of the City Recorder pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 10-3-711.

Tangee Sloan, CMC
City Recorder

EXHIBIT A
TO ORDINANCE 23-06

6-3B-3: EXEMPTIONS TO LICENSING AND FEES; INCLUDING COMMUNITY CATS:

A. Licensing Exemptions: The provision of sections 6-3B-1 and 6-3B-2 of this article shall not apply to:

1. Licensed From Another Jurisdiction: Dogs with a current license from another jurisdiction whose owners are nonresidents of the City and who are temporarily residing within the City for a period of thirty (30) days or less. Licensed dogs whose owners remain within the City for longer than thirty (30) days may obtain a City license upon surrendering the other jurisdiction's license, making a payment of a one dollar (\$1.00) transfer fee and completing a license application with proof of current rabies vaccination.

2. Within Licensed Establishments: Individual dogs within a properly licensed dog kennel or other such establishment when such dogs are held for resale.

3. Community Cats: Individual community cats, as defined in section 6-3A-1 of this chapter, and as set forth in subsection C of this section.

B. Fee Exemptions: The fee provisions of section 6-3B-1 of this article shall not apply to:

1. Seeing Eye Dogs: Seeing eye dogs properly trained to assist blind persons if such dogs are actually being used by blind persons to assist them in moving from place to place.

2. Hearing Dogs: Hearing dogs properly trained to assist deaf persons if such dogs are actually used by deaf persons to aid them in responding to sounds.

3. Disability Service Dogs: Service dogs properly trained and certified to assist the physically disabled and in use for that purpose.

4. Law Enforcement Dogs: Dogs especially trained to assist officials of government agencies in the performance of their duties and which are owned by such agencies.

C. Community Cats: The provisions governing community cats, as per section 11-46-301 et seq., Utah Code Annotated, are as follows:

1. To control and manage the population of community cats in the City, the Animal Control Division shall operate a community cat program consistent with Utah Code § 11-46-303 as further defined in City Code § 6-3A-1.

2. Impounded community cats that are in good health and that do not pose a threat to the health or safety of persons or other domesticated animals as determined by the Animal Services Manager or their designee shall be released within a reasonable proximity to the place where they were trapped or picked up. The Animal Services Manager or their designee may refuse to release a community cat if in their determination the cat is carrying a disease or is a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of persons, property, or other domesticated animals.

3. A cat received by a shelter under the provisions of section 11-46-103, Utah Code Annotated pursuant to the community cat program may be released prior to the five (5) day holding period to a community cat sponsor that operates a community cat program prior to the five (5) day holding period set forth in Utah Code 11-46-103.

41 24. A community cat is exempt from licensing requirements and feeding bans.:

42 a. Exempt from licensing requirements and feeding bans; and

43 b. Eligible for release from an animal shelter prior to the mandatory five (5) day hold
44 period in section 11-46-103, Utah Code Annotated.

45 35. Community cat sponsors or community cat caretakers do not have custody, as defined in
46 section Utah Code § 76-9-301 or City Code § 6-3A-1, Utah Code Annotated, of any cat in a
47 community cat colony. The City of West Jordan has not created and does not participate in a
48 permitting process for community cat colonies.

49 6. Pursuant to Utah Code § 11-46-304, community cat caretakers must register with the City's
50 Animal Control Division and receive a community cat caretaker permit identifying the approximate
51 location of the community cat colonies they intend to care for. Before a community cat caretaker
52 permit will be issued, the applicant must pay a permitting fee in an amount set forth in the City's
53 consolidated fee schedule and provide proof that the applicant either mailed a notice to all
54 property owners within 200 feet of where the applicant will engage in caretaking activities or has
55 posted a notice on the applicant's property with a sign of sufficient size, durability, print quality,
56 and location that is reasonably calculated to give notice to passers-by of the applicant's
57 community cat caretaking activities.

58 a. Any signs or mailed notices will be at the applicant's sole expense.

59 b. The mailed notice shall be on a form prepared by the Animal Control Division.

60 c. Community cat caretaker permits shall be valid for three years.

61 4. Sterilization and vaccination records shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years and
62 be available to an animal control officer upon request.

63 5. See section 6-3A-1 of this chapter for the definitions of "community cat", "community cat
64 caretaker", "community cat colony", "community cat program", "community cat sponsor", "ear
65 tipping", and "feral". (2001 Code § 14-2-103; amd. Ord. 17-08, 2-8-2017)

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67 **6-3B-4: LIMITATION ON LICENSES AND DOGS:**

68 Unless otherwise allowed by this chapter, No person or persons at any one residence or property within
69 the City shall, at any one time, (i) own, harbor or license more than four (4) adult dogs at any one
70 residence or at any one premises or (ii) own, harbor or license more than four (4) adult cats at any one
71 residence or at any one premises. (2001 Code § 14-2-104)











Ordinance No. 23-06 Nuisance Animal Amendments

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