

# St. Paul, Minnesota

CODE OF ORDINANCES part II, title XX, ch. 202, §§ 202.01 to 202.04

## **Chapter 202. Sterilization of Feral Cats**

### **Sec. 202.01. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates:

*Domestic cat* shall mean a cat which by its temperament does not show long term fear and resistance to contact with humans.

*Feral cat* shall mean a cat which is wild, untamed or unsocialized.

*Feral cat management program* shall mean a program designed to trap, sterilize and return feral cats to their neighborhood in order to reduce and ultimately eliminate feral cat populations in a non-lethal and effective manner.

*Rescue group* shall mean a non-profit entity which is appropriately licensed and regulated, and has as at least one of its purposes the rescue and placement of cats which cannot be kept or placed by public animal control agencies or humane shelters.

(C.F. No. 07-634, § 1, 8-8-07)

### **Sec. 202.02. Impoundment.**

(a) Any cat found off the owner's premises and not wearing tags with owner identifying information, a microchip and/or rabies tags may be impounded and shall be given proper care and maintenance until reclaimed by its owner or the period for impoundment has ended. A cat impounded pursuant to this section shall be kept at least five (5) days after the impoundment thereof, unless reclaimed earlier by its owner.

(b) If a cat impounded pursuant to this section is unclaimed by its owner at the end of five (5) days, it may be disposed of according to the most humane and approved methods, or may be given to a rescue group.

(c) Notwithstanding the five day waiting period, a cat which is reasonably believed to be feral may be transferred at any time to a feral cat management program which has been recognized by St. Paul Animal Control for the purpose of immediate identification, sterilization and release.

(C.F. No. 07-634, § 1, 8-8-07)

### **Sec. 202.03. Spaying/neutering.**

No cat impounded under this chapter, whether domestic or feral, may be given to a rescue group without being spayed or neutered, unless the rescue group has made arrangements with a veterinarian for the spaying/neutering and shows proof of the completion of the operation within ten (10) days of receiving the feral cat.

(C.F. No. 07-634, § 1, 8-8-07)

**Sec. 202.04. Release of feral cats.**

No feral cat shall be released back into the community where it was impounded unless the animal has:

- (1) Been spayed or neutered;
- (2) Been given appropriate rabies vaccinations; and
- (3) Been marked in an agreed upon manner to show that the animal is part of an acknowledged feral cat community.

(C.F. No. 07-634, § 1, 8-8-07)