

**CITY OF MEDINA
ORDINANCE NO. ###**

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO DISPOSAL OF PET WASTE;
AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of Medina ordains as follows:

SECTION I. New Section 347 is hereby added to the code of ordinances of the City of Medina as follows:

**CHAPTER 3
POLICE REGULATIONS
347. DISPOSAL OF PET WASTE**

Section 347.01. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- Subd. 1. Animal.** A dog, cat or other animal kept for amusement or companionship.
- Subd. 2. Owner/Custodian.** Any person who harbors, feeds, boards, possesses, keeps or has custody of an animal.
- Subd. 3. Immediately.** At once, without delay.
- Subd. 4. Soil/defile.** To make unclean from excrement.
- Subd. 5. Waste.** Solid matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

Section 347.03. Possession of Removal Device Required. It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal to permit said animal to be on any public property without having in his/her immediate possession a bag or other device for the removal of pet waste.

Section 347.05. Removal From Public Property and Right-of-Way Required. No owner or custodian of any animal shall fail to remove said animal's waste from any public property or street, sidewalk, or public right-of-way. Pet waste must be deposited in a sanitary manner.

Section 347.07. Disposal.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal to fail to remove said animal's waste without proper disposal. Proper disposal of animal waste includes:

- a) bagging for disposal in the owner or keeper's waste receptacle; or
- b) bagging for disposal in a waste receptacle in a public park or park area.

Subd. 2. Disposal of animal waste in the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is prohibited.

Subd. 3. Disposal of animal waste in public compost is prohibited.

Section 847.09. Exemptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the ownership or use of any properly identified service animals, animals when used for police activities, or tracking animals when used by or with the permission of the appropriate authorities.

Section 847.11. Penalty. Violation of any provision of this section shall be considered a petty misdemeanor.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted by the Medina city council this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Kathleen Martin, Mayor

Attest:

Caitlyn Walker, City Clerk

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