

## **ORDINANCE NO. 3299**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.12 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ANIMAL DEFECATION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Watershed Protection (“RCWP”) program is a partnership between the County of Riverside, the Coachella Valley Water District, the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and 27 cities, including the City of Corona (“City”), that manages watershed programs focused on sustainable and productive use of our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the RCWP seeks to protect surface waters by reducing water pollution that is carried by stormwater to local creeks and water ways leading to the ocean in order to maintain water quality for drinking, fishing, swimming and other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized by RCWP that pet waste can introduce pollution into waterways, which can lead to bacteria problems that can spread diseases like Giardia and Salmonella and also nutrient problems, which can result in algae growth that, in turn, reduces the available oxygen in water for fish; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council (“City Council”) of the City recognizes that pet waste that is not picked up and disposed of properly, not only causes potential environmental and health issues and damage to landscaping, but it is also a nuisance to the public at large that reduces the quality of life.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA  
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council adopts the recitals set forth above as its findings in connection with the adoption of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** Sections 6.12.140 through 6.12.190 of Chapter 6.12 (Dogs and Cats – General Regulations) of Title 6 (Animals) of the Corona Municipal Code are hereby reorganized as follows:

- A. Existing Section 6.12.140 (Impoundment of dogs and cats – Authorized – Registry) is renumbered as Section 6.12.150 (Impoundment of dogs and cats – Authorized – Registry).
- B. Existing Section 6.12.150 (Impoundment of dogs and cats – Microchip scan – Notice) is renumbered as Section 6.12.160 (Impoundment of dogs and cats – Microchip scan – Notice).

- C. Existing Section 6.12.160 (Impoundment of dogs and cats - Minimum holding period - Redemption, release or euthanasia) is renumbered as Section 6.12.170 (Impoundment of dogs and cats - Minimum holding period - Redemption, release or euthanasia).
- D. Existing Section 6.12.170 (Impoundment of dogs and cats - Conditions of redemption or release) is renumbered as Section 6.12.180 (Impoundment of dogs and cats - Conditions of redemption or release).
- E. Existing Section 6.12.180 (Violations and responsibility) is renumbered as Section 6.12.190 (Violations and responsibility).
- F. Existing Section 6.12.190 (Other enforcement actions) is renumbered as Section 6.12.200 (Other enforcement actions).

**SECTION 3.** A new Section 6.12.140 (Animal defecation on public property) is hereby added to Chapter 6.12 (Dogs and Cats – General Regulations) of Title 6 (Animals) of the Corona Municipal Code to read as follows:

**“6.12.140 Animal defecation on public property.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having the charge or control of any animal to permit such animal to defecate and to allow the feces to remain upon any public property, including parkways and rights-of-way, not owned or possessed by the owner or person having the charge or control of such animal, and the person shall immediately and securely enclose all feces deposited by the animal in a bag, wrapper, or other container and dispose of it in a sanitary manner in a proper waste receptacle. A blind person who has the charge or control of a guide dog shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.”

**SECTION 4.** The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a general circulation newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Mayor of the City of Corona, California

**ATTEST:**

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

**CERTIFICATION**

I, SYLVIA EDWARDS, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAINED:**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

## **SUMMARY**

On September 18, 2019, the Corona City Council will consider adopting an ordinance regulating the proper disposal of pet waste from public property. A certified copy of the full text of this proposed ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Corona City Hall, located at 400 South Vicentia Avenue. The City Clerk's office is located in City Hall near the Council Chambers.