

# Ordinance

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Date Received:		<input type="checkbox"/> Posted	Item #: 2310.02302
Committee Date:			
Hearing Date:			
1 <sup>st</sup> Agenda Date:			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Agenda Date:			

All department items requiring Council approval must be submitted through the Mayor's Office.

## Primary Details

Dept. Tracking No.	Board Approval	Other Board Name	City Council Approval
			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Department	Contact Name	Email	Phone
Department of City Experience	James Wagner	jwagner@cityoftulsa.org	918-576-5578
Subject (Description)		Ordinance Type	
Title 2 Ch 5 Sec 500		Amending Tulsa Revised Ordinances	
Section	Township	Range	Lot
Block	Address		BA / CT Number
Amending Ord. No.	TRO Title No.	TRO Subtitle	Property/Non-Property
	2		
	e.g. 43	e.g. G	
Council District	Zoning No.	PUD No.	Planning District

## Budget

Funding Source(s)

TOTAL:

Enter the funding source(s) using the appropriate Munis funding format: Org (Allocation Code)-Object-Amount (1001211-531401-\$10.00) or Project String-Amount (144104.AbstTitle5413102.6001-4043122-541102-\$30,000.01)

## Approvals

Department: J. Swiney (SWINEY)  
Legal: Cassia Carr  
Board: Mayor Pro Tem  
Mayor:   
Other:

Date: 10/3/23  
Date: SEPT 20, 2023  
Date: OCT 04 2023  
Date:

Policy Statement

Background Information

Title 2 TRO, the Animal Code, Section 500 currently forbids burying a dead animal anywhere within the City limits. However, burying a dead horse, cow or other livestock is a common and accepted practice on farms and ranches, if performed within certain guidelines (depth of burial, distance from water sources etc.). The attached ordinance amendment allows the burial of dead farm animals on an AG-zoned parcel of land 80 acres or larger, if done in compliance with guidelines of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture's "Carcass Disposal", available on the DoAg website.

Provide background information on the requested action.

Summation of the Requested Action

Summarize the pertinent details of the requested action.

Emergency Clause?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Reason for Emergency Clause

This amendment impacts public health, disease control, water supply, and Tulsa's farming and ranching industries, therefore is is passed with the emergency clause.

Explain why you are requesting that the City Council approve this action with an emergency clause.

Processing Information for City Clerk's Office

Post Execution Processing

- ☐ Mail vendor copy (addt'l signature copies attached)
- ☐ Must be filed with other governmental entity
- ☐ Addt'l governmental entity approval(s) required

Additional Routing and Processing Details

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA:

*Section 1. That Title 2 TRO, "Animals", Chapter 5, "Dead Animals" Section 500, be amended to read as follows:*

**Section 500. - Dead Animals—Unlawful Disposal; Burial in AG-zoned Land.**

It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to throw any dead animal or poultry in or upon any street, alley or public place within the City of Tulsa or to bury any dead animal or poultry within the City of Tulsa; provided, a dead large agricultural animal, as defined in Section 100 of this Title, may be buried on an AG-zoned parcel of land eighty (80) acres or larger, if in compliance with the Carcass Disposal Options published by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (<https://ag.ok.gov/divisions/agricultural-environmental-management/> and <https://ag.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/carcassdisposaloptions.pdf>)

*Section 2. That Title 2 TRO, "Animals", Chapter 5, "Dead Animals", Sections 501, 502 and 503 be amended to read as follows:*

**Section 501. - Dead Animals—Lawful Disposal.**

A. It shall be the duty of the owner of any dead animal, or the person in lawful possession of any dead animal, to notify the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee, who shall dispose of it in a sanitary manner; provided that private persons may operate services for the removal and disposal of dead animals subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee. The Director of Public Works or the Director's designee may prescribe appropriate rules and regulations for the operation of private services involved in the removal and disposition of dead animals.

B. It shall be the duty of the Owner or person in lawful possession of a dead dog, cat, poultry or other small animal to put such animal in a box, sack or other receptacle before collection by the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee, or by an operator of a private animal removal and disposal service.

**Section 502. - Dead Animals—Strays.**

It shall be the duty of any person upon whose premises a stray dead animal is found to notify the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee. Such person shall not be liable for any fees for removal.

**Section 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** *If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.*

**Section 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.** *That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are now expressly repealed.*

**Section 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** *That an emergency is now declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety by reason whereof this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption, approval and publication.*

ADOPTED by the Council:

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Date

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Chair of the Council

ADOPTED as an emergency measure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Chair of the Council

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Received by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date Time

G. T. Bynum, Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED:

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City Attorney

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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\_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Time

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Mayor

(SEAL)



**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

**APPROVED:**

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**City Attorney**