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Suspension of Rules: No

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4
OF THE CODE OF TUSCALOOSA
(A19-0931)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA, as follows:

SECTION ONE. That Section 4-1 – *Definitions* of the Code of Tuscaloosa shall be amended to add the following definitions to fall in the correct alphabetical order with the other definitions already set forth in Section 4-1, as follows:

“Sec. 4-1. – Definitions.

Animal rescue organization or agency - a not-for-profit organization or agency with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, with the mission and practice, in whole or in significant part, of rescuing and placing animals in permanent homes, and which does not obtain animals from a breeder or broker for profit or compensation.

Commercial transaction - An interaction between two or more parties in which a live animal is exchanged for cash, goods, services or something of value.

Offer for sale means to sell, offer for sale or adoption, advertise for the sale of, barter, auction, give away, or exchange through a commercial transaction any dog, cat, kitten, or puppy.

Pet shop - a retail establishment, business or store where live animals are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pets to the general public. Such definition shall not include an animal shelter or animal rescue organization as defined in this section.

Pet Supply Store - a retail establishment, business or store which sells pet food, animal supplies and pet accessories to the general public, and which may also sell, exchange, barter or offer for sale live animals as pets to the general public.”

SECTION TWO. That Article V of Chapter 4 of the Code of Tuscaloosa entitled "Sale of Animals" is hereby added to read as follows:

"Article V - Sale of Animals

Sec. 4-64. Restrictions on the sale of dogs and cats.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a pet shop or pet supply store to offer for sale or to display any dog, cat, puppy or kitten unless obtained from and in cooperation with the Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter, or an animal rescue organization or agency.

(b) Every pet shop or pet supply store offering for sale or displaying any dog, cat, puppy or kitten shall display a label stating the name and address of the organization supplying said animal on the animal's cage.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a pet shop or pet supply store to offer for sale a puppy or kitten that is younger than eight weeks old."

FUNDING REQUIRED: Yes No

By: _____
Chief Financial Officer

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