



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 7-12 by adding new Section 7-12-295 concerning confinement of animals in unattended motor vehicles
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Finance

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**ORDINANCE**

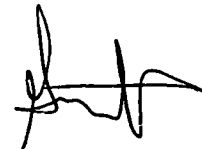
**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 7-12-295 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby created, inserting the language below, as follows:

**7-12-295 Confinement of animals in unattended motor vehicles.**

- (a) No person shall confine any animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold, without proper ventilation or other protection from such heat or cold;
- (b) Any person, animal control officer, or law enforcement officer who reasonably believes that this Section is being violated shall have authority to enter such motor vehicle by any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a reasonable effort to locate the motor vehicle's operator. Rescuers must:
  - (1) Contact emergency services (911 or animal control) prior to entering a vehicle for the purposes of rescuing an animal;
  - (2) Determine if the vehicle is unlocked prior to forcibly entering a vehicle for the purposes of rescuing an animal;
  - (3) After rescue, remain with the animal in a safe location, out of the elements but reasonably close to the vehicle, until a law enforcement, animal control officer, or another emergency responder arrives on site; and
  - (4) Immediately turn the animal over to law enforcement, animal control officer, or another emergency responder once they arrive on site.
- (c) Any person violating any provision of subsection (a), regardless of injury to the animal, shall be fined not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each offense.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect following passage and publication.



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