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## Legislation Text

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### SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-12-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

#### **7-12-050 Dangerous animals - Determination and requirements.**

(f) When a complaint has been made or a bite reported, and when the circumstances of the bite incident suggest that an animal will be declared a dangerous animal, the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to either (1) impound and hold such animal, at the owner's expense or (2) impose one or more of the requirements set forth in subsection (c) above, pending the completion of the dangerous animal investigation and final resolution of any appeals. Should an owner fail to comply with requirements issued by the Executive Director under this subsection (f)(2), the Executive Director shall impound and hold the animal at the owner's expense. Where the animal has caused severe injury or death to any person, the Executive Director or his designee shall impound and hold such animal, at the owner's expense, pending the investigation and final resolution of any appeals. Moreover, in no event shall a dangerous animal be released to its owner before the owner obtains a dangerous animal license pursuant to Section 7-12-052 or before the Executive Director or his designee approves the enclosure required by subsection (c)(1). The holding period and impoundment procedures for animals of unknown ownership shall be governed by Section 7-12-060. Any animal impounded and held pursuant to this subparagraph (f) shall receive shelter, food, water, sanitization of kennels, and medical care to the extent the Department's resources and capacity for care will permit during the holding period. Animals may also receive in-kennel enrichment as the Department's partners may be able to provide.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

CHICAGO February 28, 2018

#### **To the President and Members of the City Council:**

Your Committee on Finance having had under consideration a substitute ordinance authorizing the amendment of Section 7-12-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago regarding humane treatment of impounded dangerous animals.

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Having had the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that your Honorable Body pass the proposed Substitute Ordinance Transmitted Herewith.

**This recommendation was concurred in by** (a (viva voce vote)  
**of members of the committee with** **dissenting vote(s)**7~

Respectfully submitted  
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**Chairman**