

ORDINANCE #1136

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 6.04.115, KETCHUM MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS TO PROHIBIT UNATTENDED ANIMALS IN VEHICLES IN DANGEROUS CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum has determined that unattended and confined animals left in motor vehicles in extreme conditions is a form of animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum has determined that it is in the best interests of the public to prohibit such cruelty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO:

Section 1. That the following code section, 6.04.115, of the Ketchum Municipal Code is hereby created and reads as follows:

Section 6.04.115 Unlawful Confinement of Animals

- A.** It shall be unlawful to leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.
- B.** A law enforcement or community service officer may use reasonable force under the above circumstances to enter a vehicle and remove the animal after first making a reasonable attempt to contact the animal's owner. The officer removing the animal shall use reasonable means to contact the owner of the animal to arrange for its return home. Absent contact with the owner, the animal will be taken to a veterinary clinic if emergency care is needed and after a reasonable amount of time to an animal shelter. If emergency care is needed, the animal's owner shall be responsible for all costs of such emergency care.
- C.** A person violating this ordinance is subject to a fine of \$100 per animal upon the first offense. Any subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of \$250 per animal.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

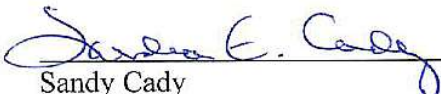
APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Ketchum, Idaho this 6th day of July 2015.

APPROVED:



Nina Jonas
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Sandy Cady
CITY CLERK