SECTION 1. That section 131 (Cruelty to Animals Prohibited) of Article VII (Cruelty to Animals) of Chapter 8 (Animals) of the Revised Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 8-131. - Cruelty to animals prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to needlessly beat, inflict violence upon or kill, or to overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture or mutilate, or to otherwise treat in a cruel, dangerous or inhumane manner, any animal, or to cause any of such acts to be done.

(b) It shall specifically be cruel, dangerous or inhumane for any person to:

(1) In a public place, transport or keep an animal in or on any motor vehicle or trailer unless the animal is safely restrained.

   a. As used in this section, restrained is defined as enclosed within a vehicle or trailer with no openings large enough to permit the animal to exit the vehicle or trailer on its own, or placed within a secured container, cage or other enclosure sufficient to prevent the animal from falling from, being thrown from or jumping from the vehicle.

   b. As used in this section, public place is defined as any place open to and generally used by the public, whether publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, alleys, parking lots, schools and commercial establishments.

(2) Leave an animal in an unattended vehicle either without adequate ventilation or in any manner which subjects the animal to extreme temperatures that are dangerous or detrimental to the animal's health or welfare.

(3) Tether and leave, or permit to be left, unattended any animal on a leash, cord or chain of less than six (6) feet in length for longer than one (1) hour.

(4) It shall specifically be cruel, dangerous or inhumane for any person to perform, procure, or arrange for surgical claw removal, declawing, onychectomy, or tendonectomy on any cat, or from altering such a cat's toes, claws, or paws in order to prevent their normal functioning, except when necessary for a
therapeutic purpose. "Therapeutic purpose" means the necessity to address the medical condition of
the animal, such as an existing or recurring illness, infection, disease, injury or abnormal condition in
the claw that compromises the animal's health. "Therapeutic purpose" does not include cosmetic or
aesthetic reasons or reasons of convenience in keeping or handling the animal.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE:

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE:

PASSED BY COUNCIL ____________________________

______________________________ - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: ____________________________ - MAYOR ____________________________

ATTEST: ____________________________ - CLERK AND RECORDER,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

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PREPARED BY: Zachary Rothmier, Legislative Analyst DATE: June 19, 2017

Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
3.2.6 of the Charter.

Denver City Attorney

BY: ____________________________, Assistant City Attorney DATE: ____________________________