



CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

Date: September 24, 2025

To: Governing Body; Public Works and Utilities Committee; Quality of Life Committee; Finance Committee

From: Thomas Grundler, Deputy Chief of Police

Via: Paul Joye, Chief of Police

RE: Prohibiting Animals on Medians

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This bill would Amend SFCC 1987, Section 5-2, “Definitions” to define “abandonment” and “unattended animal” as well as prohibit keeping an animal on any median longer than it takes to cross the street, regardless of the owner’s presence. It would also increase the fine for abandoning an animal from two hundred dollars (\$200) to five hundred dollars (\$500). It creates a fine structure for unattended animals—two hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense and five hundred dollars (\$500) for subsequent offenses. Lastly, it imposes a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) for keeping an animal on a median.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bill
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