

**FISCAL IMPACT REPORT**

**General Information:**

(Check)      **Bill:**   x                        **Resolution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Title(s):** Prohibiting Animals on Medians

**Sponsor(s):** Councilors Jamie Cassutt and Signe Lindell

**Reviewing Department(s):** Santa Fe Police Department

**Staff Completing FIR:** Thomas Grundler, Deputy Chief of Police      **Date:** 9/24/2025

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**Reviewed by City Attorney:** *Erin McSherry*                      **Date:** 10/02/2025  
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**Reviewed by Finance Director:** *Emily K. Oster*                      **Date:** 10/03/2025

**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 on or near the median. It would also increase the penalty 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 creates a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) for keeping an animal on a median.

**Departments Affected:**

Police Department (Animal Services)

**Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:**

If this legislation is not adopted, keeping an animal on a median will not be illegal or subject to fine. Nor will Section 5-2 define “abandonment” and “unattended animal”. Lastly the penalty for abandoning an animal will remain two hundred dollars (\$200), and there would be no penalty for “unattended animals”.

**Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:**

None at this time.

**Performance and Administrative Implications:**

Adopting this bill has potential implications for improving staff’s ability to respond to constituent complaints regarding abandoned and unattended animals.

**Fiscal Implications:**

\*\*It is difficult to predict the number of violations for future years and whether the citations will result in successful payment of the related fines. However, for reference, no abandonment citations have been issued

in the past two years.

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**Fiscal Impact**

\*\* Check here if no fiscal impact

**Expenditures**

<b>Expenditure Type</b>	<b>FYE 2025</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</b>	<b>Require BAR (Y/N)</b>	<b>Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>3-Year Total Cost</b>
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

**Expenditure Narrative:**

\*\*see Fiscal Implications narrative above.

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**Revenue**

<b>Revenue Type</b>	<b>FYE 2025</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</b>	<b>Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)</b>	<b>Fund</b>
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

**Revenue Narrative:**



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