

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7-12-290 OF MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

[SO2017-8308]

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

CHICAGO, March 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 Chapter 7-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago by amending Section 7-12-290 regarding cruelty to animals, 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 viva voce vote of the members of the committee, with no dissenting vote.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EDWARD M. BURKE,
Chairman.

On motion of Alderman Burke, the said proposed substitute ordinance transmitted with the foregoing committee report was *Passed* by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas -- Aldermen Moreno, Hopkins, Dowell, King, Hairston, Sawyer, Mitchell, Harris, Sadlowski Garza, Thompson, Cárdenas, Quinn, Burke, Lopez, Foulkes, D. Moore, Curtis, O'Shea, Cochran, Brookins, Muñoz, Zalewski, Scott, Solis, Burnett, Ervin, Taliaferro, Reboyras, Santiago, Waguespack, Mell, Austin, Ramirez-Rosa, Villegas, Mitts, Sposato, Laurino, O'Connor, Napolitano, Reilly, Smith, Tunney, Arena, Cappleman, Pawar, Osterman, J. Moore, Silverstein -- 48.

Nays -- None.

Alderman Sawyer moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion was lost.

The following is said ordinance as passed:

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

SECTION 1. Section 7-12-290 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored as follows:

7-12-290 Cruelty To Animals -- Fines.

No person shall do any of the following:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance.)

(d) ~~Leave for any unreasonable length of time any~~ an animal unattended in a motor vehicle, trailer or other enclosure for a period of time long enough to threaten its life or health, in such a manner that the animal, including by subjecting the animal to inadequate does not have proper air circulation or by exposure to extreme heat or cold;

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance.)

(i) In cases where the violation of this section creates a danger to the public health and safety or to the health and welfare of an animal, the Executive Director may cause the animal to be impounded until such time that the conditions that caused the danger are corrected. If the owner fails to correct the conditions within seven (7) days of the impoundment of the animal, the animal shall become the property of the Department. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to obtain the necessary legal process to allow him or her to enter or to cause to have entered any building or premises to remove and impound such animal. An animal control officer or police officer who has probable cause to believe that subsection (d) of this section is being violated shall have authority to enter a motor vehicle by any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person responsible.

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