

**ORDINANCE NO. 83-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 (ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL)  
OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO, IOWA:**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to amend certain provisions of Chapter 55 of the City Code to provide for better regulation of animals within the City of Palo to protect the general health and wellness of the citizens;

**SECTION 2. SECTION ADDED.** The following section is an entirely new section being added to Chapter 55 and therefore no underlined or struck through language is included.

**CHAPTER 55  
ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL**

**55.22 OUTDOOR FEEDING PROHIBITED.**

1. No person shall intentionally feed, place, or distribute food or edible materials outdoors for consumption by animals within the city limits. For the purposes of this section, “outdoor feeding” includes the placement of food, scraps, or any other edible materials intended for consumption by animals on any privately owned outdoor area, including yards, sidewalks, porches, patios, and vacant lots. This prohibition also applies to all parks, and other public property.
2. Exceptions. The following activities are exempt from this section.
  - a. Feeding of pets on the property where the animals are legally kept by the owner, provided food is placed in a secure container and not left unattended outdoors continuously for more than 24 hours.
  - b. Licensed animal shelters or rehabilitation facilities operating in compliance with applicable laws.
  - c. Use of bird feeders that are elevated and designed to prevent access by rodents and other pests, provided they are maintained in a sanitary condition and do not create a nuisance.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October, 2025.



Eric VanKerckhove, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Fencl, City Clerk

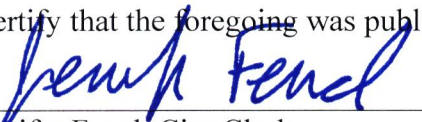
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Second Reading: September 15, 2025

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Final Approval Given: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No.83-2025 on October 27th, 2025



Jennifer Fencl, City Clerk