

**ORDINANCE NO. 208,
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE REQUIRING REGULATIONS
FOR TRAPPING ANIMALS AND ANIMAL SAFETY
CITY OF MOTLEY
COUNTY OF MORRISON & CASS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOTLEY:

SECTION 1. That Section VII of the City Code of Motley is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section VII – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

7.14.1. TRAPPING ANIMALS AND ANIMAL SAFETY

- 1.1 **Purpose:** The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the trapping of animals within the city to promote humane treatment of animals and protect public safety.
- 1.2 **Scope:** This ordinance applies to all individuals engaging in the trapping of animals within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Motley.

7.14.2. Definitions

- 2.1 **Animal Trap:** Any device designed or used to capture, restrain, or kill animals, including but not limited to leg-hold traps, cage traps, snares, nets, and electronic devices.
- 2.2 **Trapper:** Any person who sets, operates, or maintains animal traps within the city limits.

7.14.3. Trapping Regulations

- 3.1 **Prohibited Traps:** The use of leg-hold traps, body-gripping traps, and other traps designed to cause unnecessary suffering to animals is prohibited within the city limits.
- 3.2 **Trap Types:** Trappers may only use traps that are designed and approved for humane capture and restraint of animals. Cage traps, live traps, and other non-lethal trapping devices are permitted, provided they meet humane trapping standards.
- 3.3 **Trap Placement:** Traps must be set in locations and manner that minimize the risk of injury to non-target animals, including pets and protected wildlife species. Traps must not be placed in areas accessible to the public or where they may pose a danger to humans or domesticated animals.

- 3.4 Trap Identification: Trappers must clearly mark all traps with their name or identification number to facilitate identification and contact in case of emergencies or complaints.
- 3.5 Trap Checking: Trappers are required to check their traps regularly and remove captured animals promptly to minimize stress and suffering. Traps must not be left unattended for extended periods of time.

7.14.4 Exemption

- 4.1 Any small traps that are used only for Gophers, Mice and Rats.
- 4.2 Any Property owners with 2.0 or larger acres in size are exempted from this ordinance.

7.14.5. Enforcements and Penalties

- 5.1 Enforcement: This ordinance shall be enforced by the city's police department, and designated city officials.
- 5.2 Penalties: Violations of this ordinance may result in an administration \$75.00 fine, penalties, or other enforcement actions as authorized by city ordinances and state law.

Effective Date: This ordinance amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication according to state law. This ordinance shall be placed on file at the City of Motley City Hall for public review.

Repeal: This ordinance shall repeal all ordinances inconsistent herewith

Adopted this 8th day of APRIL, 2024 by the City Council of Motley.


Pat O'Regan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kari Jacobson, City Clerk