STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NO. 18-0212-6

COUNTY OF PICKENS AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY,

SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CARE

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Liberty to foster a responsible and humane

environment for animals and outline regulations governing the care and maintenance of animals within the city limits of Liberty:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF LIBERTY amends Chapter 5 – adding section 5-9 to read:

Sec. 5-9. Feral Cats

- (a) Any person or organization, harboring, regularly feeding or having in their possession any feral cat, will assume legal ownership and all civil liability for said animal.
- (b) An individual or organization whom has legal ownership of any feral cat, is responsible for registering, any necessary health care and sterilization of each animal.
- (c) A feral cat owner will be held criminally liable for abandonment or neglect if that person or organization has ceased to provide said animal with adequate food, water and has not registered and completed the necessary health care requirements, sterilization and vaccinations required by state law.
- (d) It will be unlawful for any individual or organization to feed a feral cat in the corporate limits in the City of Liberty, without assuming legal ownership, except when using food to bait and trap.
- (e) No individual or organization shall be in possession or have ownership of more than 6 feral cats without having a special permit.

Brian Petersen, Mayor

Attest:

Shiley De Hughes

Shirley D Haghes, City Clerk

1st reading: 2/12/2018 2nd reading: 2/26/2018