ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AMENDING SECTION 8.16.070 TO THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE SALE OR ADOPTION OF DOGS AND CATS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz as follows:

Section 8.16.070 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.16.070 SALE OR ADOPTION OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

(a) Any person who provides or offers any dog or cat to the public, whether or not for compensation, shall provide to the prospective owner, free of charge, information relating to the vaccination status of the dog or cat. In addition, the provider shall supply to the client, free of charge, information related to pet care and ownership, including information on city laws pertaining to animal control and spay/neuter programs available in the city. This information will be prepared and made available either free of charge or at cost by the director of animal control.

(b) Any person offering a dog for sale, barter, exchange or adoption, whether or not for compensation, shall disclose to any prospective owner information regarding the licensing requirements of the city applicable to such animal.

(c) No person shall present any dog or cat for sale, barter, exchange, or adoption, whether or not for compensation, in any public place in the city. “Public place” shall include, but not be limited to, streets, highways, sidewalks, carnivals, shopping malls, flea markets, and areas in front of commercial establishments. This prohibition shall not apply to:

(1) Any animal rescue or humane organization or agency recognized by the director of animal control; or

(2) Any cat breeder selling cats at a nationally sanctioned cat show.

(d) No person shall give away any dog or cat as a prize or as an inducement to enter any contest, lottery, drawing, game or competition.

(e) No person shall give away any dog or cat as an inducement to enter a place of business or to enter into a business arrangement. This prohibition shall not apply to any licensed veterinarian who offers dogs or cats for sale or adoption.

(f) No person shall sell, barter, exchange or offer for adoption, whether or not for compensation, any dog or cat to any person who is under the age of eighteen, without the written permission of the minor’s parent or legal guardian.

(g) It shall be unlawful to buy, sell, transport, release or otherwise possess live American Bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana)* within the City of Santa Cruz and on property owned and operated by the City of Santa Cruz.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION this day of , 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Administrator

PASSED FOR FINAL ADOPTION this day of , 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

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Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Administrator

This is to certify that the above and foregoing document is the original of Ordinance No. 2012- and that it has been published or posted in accordance with the Charter of the City of Santa Cruz

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City Clerk Administrator