

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. 25-1241
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Health and Safety

A BILL

For an ordinance adding new section to article IV, chapter 8 regulating the sale of animals by pet shops in the city.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That chapter 8, article IV, division 1 of the Revised Municipal Code shall be amended by adding a new section 8-104 to read as follows:

Sec. 8-104. - Sale of Certain Animals Prohibited by Pet Shops

(a) It shall be unlawful for a pet shop to sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, broker, or otherwise transfer or dispose of a dog, cat, or rabbit.

(b) It shall not be a violation of subsection (a) for a pet shop to allow an approved animal adoption or humane organization to display, sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, broker, or otherwise transfer or dispose of a dog, cat, or rabbit on the premises of a pet shop.

(c) A pet shop that allows an approved animal adoption or humane organization to display, sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, give away, broker, or otherwise transfer or dispose of a dog, cat, or rabbit on the premises shall post, in a conspicuous location, a sign listing the name of the approved animal adoption or humane organization that is operating on the premises.

Sec. 8-104~~5~~—8-110. - Reserved.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: August 27, 2025

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: September 2, 2025

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL 09/15/2025

4 Diana Romero Campbell
Diana Romero Campbell (Sep 16, 2025 11:06:46 MDT)

Signed by:

- PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: Michael C. Johnston

- MAYOR 9/18/2025

6 ATTEST: 5DC361FDC863466...

- CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____; _____

12 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney

DATE: September 4, 2025

14 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
15 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance.
16 The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the
17 Charter.

19 Katie J. McLoughlin, Interim City Attorney

21 BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney

DATE: 09/04/2025