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To: dencc - City Council
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Hi,

I'm writing you to definitely reconsider your proposal to ban declawing cats. I'm a 67 year old man and I've had cats all of my life. If you have indoor cats you have to have them declawed. If you don't then you and the cat will suffer. I've got a couple of thousand dollars invested in leather furniture. If I came home and saw it ripped to shreds the cat would lose it's home. For doing something that is their nature. Owning a scratch post doesn't work because a cat will scratch where it wants to. Having temporary pads attached to their claws get chewed off and swallowed. And shelters would become packed with cats that they won't be able to get rid of because people will stop adopting them. Then all these beautiful animals will be put to death. How's that for cruelty? And if the person who finds his furniture ripped up is a jerk [and they're out there] he or she might beat the animal senseless or kill it out of anger. How's that for cruelty? People have been getting their cats declawed for decades for a reason. If you're so worried about animal cruelty then lets stop cutting the testicles off of male animals. This is just a desperate move by someone over at the council to come up with something to justify their job. And it's Stupid!!! None of my cats ever missed their claws or their balls. None of my cats ever became arthritic.The only time I ever heard of a cat having a problem is when the procedure is done by someone who is inexperienced. Lawmakers have got to stop making stupid laws and messing with peoples lives. If this passes and I adopt another cat I will travel to another state if I have to and have it done. Another completely Dumb law that you're trying to pass is to stop people from smoking outdoors. I'm not a smoker and banning indoors smoking is completely understandable but to ban smoking outdoors downtown is totally ludicrous. Are you really that stupid over there? Do you really think that someone smoking walking down the street outdoors is going to give other people outdoors lung cancer and heath problems? Especially in a city that is so full of air pollutants at times that you can't even see the mountains. Somebody's common sense is definitely a couple of quarts low. Stop messing with peoples lives and Please stop it with the stupid petty laws.

Thank You