ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BAILEYTON, TENNESSEE, ADDING LANGUAGE TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2 OF THE BAILYTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO STRENGTHEN CAT PROVISIONS PROVIDED IN ANIMAL CONTROL AND TO MAKE SUCH PROVISIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE RELATED TO DOGS

 WHERAS, the Town of Baileyton is responsible for control of animals running at large in the city limits, which includes both dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, lack of adequate animal control measures can quickly result in dangerous or disruptive conditions including the spread of disease, the at-large running of vicious, obnoxious, or disturbing dogs and cats, and the excessive, uncontrolled, and unintentional breeding of dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, this section of the Baileyton Municipal Code has not been updated in more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Baileyton therefore finds that changes to

animal control provisions are reasonable, justified, and necessary for the protection of the public:

 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Baileyton, Tennessee as follows:

 Section 1: Section 10-203 of Title 10, Chapter 2 of the Baileyton Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the words “or cat” following the word “dog” in each of the four instances where this occurs in the section.

Section 2: Section 10-206 of Title 10, Chapter 2 of the Baileyton Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the title of the Section to read, “Confinement of dogs or cats suspected of being rabid“ and by adding the words “or cat” following the word “dog” in each of the three instances where this further occurs in the section.

Section 3: Section 10-207 of Title 10, Chapter 2 of the Baileyton Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the title of the Section to read, “Seizure and disposition of dogs or cats” and by adding the words “or cat” following the word “dog” in each of the next seven instances where this further occurs in the section. In addition, the last sentence of the first paragraph of the section shall be changed to read as follows:

“No dog or cat shall be released in any event from the pound unless or until such dog or cat has been vaccinated and unless a dog has a tag evidencing such vaccination placed on its collar.”

 The words, “or cat” shall also be added to the two instances where the word “dog” appears in the last paragraph of this Section.

Section 4: Section 10-208 of Title 10, Chapter 2 of the Baileyton Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the title of the Section to read, “Destruction of vicious or infected dogs or cats running at large” and by adding the words “or cat” following the word “dog” in the only sentence in the Section.

 Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

 Town Recorder Mayor