

**ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY, THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR PERSONS TO FEED RACCOONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, SUCH FEEDING CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS DANGER TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND CREATING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**WHEREAS**, feeding raccoons can result in the animals' aggressive behavior including the risk of biting humans or pets resulting in the need for medical treatment for such bites as the animals are known rabies carriers, and

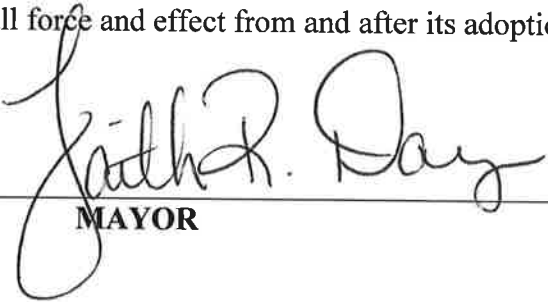
**WHEREAS**, the raccoons' urine and feces can spread disease and bacterial infections which otherwise further constitute a serious threat to the public welfare.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY:**

**SECTION 1.** That it shall be unlawful for any person to feed a raccoon within the City limits as such animals constitute a serious danger to the safety and welfare of citizens of the community. State or county humane or wild life officials are exempted.

**SECTION 2. PENALTY.** Whoever violates this Ordinance shall pursuant to the provisions of KRS 534.040(2)(c) be fined not more than \$250 for each offense. Each incident of feeding shall be considered a separate offense.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption, and publication, as required by law.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED: 9-14-23

READOPTED: 9-28-23

PUBLISHED: 10-9-23