

ORDINANCE 3-2026
HUNTINGTON CITY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5-2 (ANIMAL CONTROL) AND CHAPTER 8
(GEOTHECNICAL REQUIREMENTS) OF THE HUNTINGTON CITY CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to clarify enforcement procedures, penalties, citations, and appeal rights related to animal control; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to ensure safe, stable, and code-compliant construction by updating geotechnical (soil) requirements for new development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted a public hearing and provided notice in accordance with Utah Code § 10-3-710; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that adoption of these amendments serves the public interest and promotes clarity and consistency in the Huntington City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTINGTON CITY, STATE OF UTAH:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 5-2 – ANIMAL CONTROL

5-2-2(C)(7) – Enforcement Procedures

When dealing with individual owners of a pet or pets (excluding commercial animal establishments), the Animal Control Officer of Huntington City shall follow the procedures set forth below, except as otherwise provided herein:

1. First Offense: Upon a first offense for a specific animal, the officer may issue a verbal warning.
2. Second Offense: Upon a second offense for the same animal, the officer may issue a written warning.
3. Third Offense: Upon a third offense for the same animal, the officer may impound the animal.
4. Fourth Offense: Upon a fourth offense for the same animal, the officer shall impound the animal and may issue a citation.
5. Subsequent Offenses: Upon any subsequent offense for the same animal, the officer shall impound the animal and may issue a citation.
6. Unidentified Animals: When an animal cannot be identified and the owner is unknown, the officer may immediately impound the animal.
7. Service of Warnings and Citations: Warnings and citations shall be served in accordance with Section 5-2-2(C)(8). Personal service should be attempted whenever reasonably possible prior to service by mail or posting.
8. Exceptions: The officer may deviate from these procedures when unusual or exigent circumstances exist, including threats to public health or safety. Any deviation should be

documented and may be reviewed by the officer's supervisor.

5-2-2(C)(8) – Issuance of Citations

1. Citations may be issued by an Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer when probable cause exists.
2. Citations shall include date, location, description of violation, applicable section, issuing officer, and notice of appeal rights.
3. Citations shall be served personally, by mail, or posting after a reasonable effort to contact the owner.
4. Citations are enforceable under Section 5-2-13 and may be appealed under Section 5-2-14.

5-2-13 – Penalty Imposed

A. Any person, individual, corporation, government, partnership, or unincorporated association violating any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to penalty as provided in Section 1-4-1 of this Code. Violations may be enforced via citation under Section 5-2-2(C)(8).

B. Mandatory Fines and Fees:

1. Fees shall be established by resolution of the City Council.
2. Impoundment fees for animals impounded within six (6) months shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

C. Appeal: Penalties imposed are subject to appeal under Section 5-2-14.

5-2-14 – Appeals

1. Any person issued a citation under Chapter 5-2 may appeal within 15 days of the citation date.
2. Appeals are heard by the designated Appeal Committee.
3. The Committee shall issue a written decision within 30 days of the appeal filing.
4. The Committee's decision is final.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 8 – GEOTECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Purpose: To ensure safe, stable, and code-compliant construction by requiring geotechnical evaluation of soil and subsurface conditions prior to development approvals and building permits.

A. Applicability

1. Applies to all new construction, subdivisions, and land development within Huntington City.
2. A Soil Report prepared by a licensed geotechnical or professional engineer shall be required,

unless documented evidence shows soil conditions are suitable.

B. Soil Report Requirements

1. Contents: soil types, depth to competent bearing strata, groundwater conditions, engineering properties, foundation recommendations, grading/drainage recommendations, and site-specific hazards.
2. Review and Approval: The Soil Report shall be submitted for review prior to issuance of zoning or building permits.
3. Additional Testing: The Building Official may require further geotechnical investigation if warranted.

C. Exceptions

The Zoning Administrator may determine that a Soil Report is not required for minor accessory structures or low-risk developments.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, approval, and posting as required by law.

PASSED and approved by the Huntington City Council at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of April, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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SIGNATURE PAGE
(Adopted April 14, 2026)

HUNTINGTON CITY

(SEAL)

Mayor, Leonard Norton

ATTEST:

Brandy Wagner, City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judd Beagley AYE _____ NAY _____

Tom Kay AYE _____ NAY _____

Lesa Miller AYE _____ NAY _____

Devin Wilson AYE _____ NAY _____

Gloria Wilson AYE _____ NAY _____