

POLICY OF THE CITY OF MENNO, SOUTH DAKOTA REGARDING CATS RUNNING AT LARGE. (Amended October 6, 2025)

WHEREAS the City does not have an ordinance prohibiting cats from running at large within the City; and

WHEREAS the City does not want to assume the responsibility and burden of capturing and impounding cats;

THE CITY HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING POLICY:

Any cat found within the City of Menno, SD that is uncontrollably wild, vicious, or visibly shows signs of a contagious illness, which may endanger the health, safety, or well-being of people or other animals, may be immediately euthanized.

Residents of the City of Menno, and their agents, shall not feed, or allow to be fed, any cat that is stray, wild, or running at large. Residents shall keep food in an enclosure allowing access only to cats that are owned by that resident.

Residents of the City of Menno, or their agents, may capture and impound any cat causing a nuisance within the City of Menno, SD. Upon its capture and impoundment, the person impounding the cat shall:

- 1) Notify the City Finance Office no later than the next business day, of the date impounded and a description of the cat being impounded; and
- 2) If the cat has identification or if the owner is known, the person impounding the cat shall also notify the owner.

If the owner of the cat has not claimed the cat within five (5) days of the City Finance Office being given notice and paid a reasonable impoundment fee, the person impounding the cat may sell, give away, or euthanize in a humane manner such impounded cat.

A reasonable fee as used in this policy shall be \$20.00 for each day of impoundment or the actual cost of such impoundment, whichever is more.