

## **City of Dallas Ordinances that Prohibit the Sale of Dogs and Cats from Public Property and Other Areas Available to the Public**

Below are two City of Dallas Ordinances that prohibit the selling of any merchandise (which includes dogs and cats) from public property or from property to which the public has access such as shopping center parking lots, service stations, drive through banking facilities, etc.

### **Dallas City Code Sec. 50-156(a) - Vendors on Public Property.**

A person commits an offense if he, either personally or through an agent, occupies public property in the city for the purpose of selling, distributing, or offering for sale services or goods, including, but not limited to, food, drinks, flowers, plants, tickets, or souvenirs.

### **Dallas City Code Sec. 50-168(a) - Certificate of Occupancy.**

No person shall occupy any privately owned property, his own or another's, for the purpose of vending goods or services within the city, unless he possesses a certificate of occupancy issued by the building official or is conducting his business on the property in a structure which does not violate any code of the city, including, but not limited to, the zoning, building, or plumbing code of the city.

If you see someone selling dogs or cats from public property or property to which the public has access, you should immediately call the police department (911) and tell them the location of the violation and tell them that it is a violation of one of the above referenced Code Sections and give them the Section numbers. Also quote the Sections to them.

It is best if you stay at the site and make sure the police show up. If they show up and do nothing, you should approach the police officer and ask why they did nothing and insist that they enforce the law. The proper action for the police to take is to issue a citation for a violation of one of these Sections and also to require the person to cease doing business. If the police refuse to do this, take the police officer's badge number and report him/her to the Chief of Police.