ANN ARBOR CITY APPROVAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-26-28

CHAPTER 98

GLUE TRAP BAN

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 98 (GLUE TRAP BAN) TO TITLE VII (BUSINESSES AND TRADES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

The City of Ann Arbor Ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 98 be added to Title VII of the City's Municipal Code of Ordinances which shall be entitled "GLUE TRAP BAN"

Section 2. That Sections 7:700 through 7:703 be added to Chapter 98 of Title VII to read as follows.

7:700. – Findings

The City of Ann Arbor finds that:

(1) Glue Traps are widely considered to be the single most inhumane wildlife control product available because trapped animals suffer slow and painful deaths. Once their bodies, paws, tails, or beaks become stuck to the trap, many animals suffer for days before slowly dying from dehydration, starvation, or blood loss.

(2) Glue Traps are indiscriminate, posing a threat to nearly all species of wildlife including non-targeted animals such as cats, birds, and squirrels. The Center for Disease Control advises against using glue traps as does the Humane Society of the United States and the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

(3) Several companies, institutions, municipalities, and countries have banned the sale and use of glue traps because of the inhumane manner by which they injure and kill animals.

7:701 – Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applicable in the interpretation of this chapter:

(1) "Animal": Any vertebrate or invertebrate animal, such as birds, rodents and reptiles. It does not include an insect or spider for the purposes of this Chapter.

(2) “Glue Trap”: Any device containing a non-drying adhesive designed to cause the death of an Animal through starvation, dehydration, or suffocation by trapping the rodent with the adhesive and rendering the rodent incapable of freeing itself from the adhesive. It does not include pest strips and similar devices designed and used to trap only insects or spiders.

Section 7:702 – Prohibition on the Sale or Use of Glue Traps

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to sell, offer for sale, or display for sale Glue Traps within the City of Ann Arbor.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or otherwise use a Glue Trap or permit another person to set, place, or use a Glue Trap to capture or kill any Animal within the City of Ann Arbor.

Section: 7:703 – Enforcement

(1) A violation of this Chapter is a civil infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding $250 for a first offense, and between $250 and $500 for each additional or subsequent offense.

(2) Violations of this Chapter shall be enforced by Community Standards.

Section 3: The addition of Chapter 98 shall take effect 60 days after publication.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, at its regular session of October 19, 2026

Jacqueline Beaudry, Ann Arbor City Clerk
Christopher Taylor, Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor

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