

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.     M-11-5     ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton and Trudy Jones

1 MEMORIAL  
2 SUPPORTING A BAN OF ANIMAL TRAPPING THROUGH THE USE OF STEEL-  
3 JAW LEGHOLD TRAPS, STRANGULATION SNARES, KILL-TYPE ANIMAL  
4 TRAPS, AND ANY MODIFIED VERSION OF ANY SUCH TRAPS ON NEW  
5 MEXICO PUBLIC LANDS.

6 WHEREAS, commercial and recreational trapping of “furbearing” animals  
7 using hidden steel-jaw leghold traps, strangulation snares, and kill-type  
8 animal traps is permitted on almost all of New Mexico’s public lands; and

9 WHEREAS, the use of steel-jaw leghold traps, strangulation snares, and  
10 kill-type animal traps on public lands results in the unnecessary pain,  
11 suffering, maiming and killing of untold numbers of “nontarget” animals,  
12 including domestic dogs, cats, rabbits, deer, songbirds, eagles, owls, hawks,  
13 river otters and threatened and endangered species; and

14 WHEREAS, millions of people, 89 countries, several U.S. states, and  
15 numerous municipalities and organizations, including the Humane Society of  
16 the United States, the American Veterinarian Association, the American  
17 Animal Hospital Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the  
18 National Animal Control Association, have declared steel-jaw leghold traps to  
19 be inhumane; and

20 WHEREAS, trappers in New Mexico are not required to and do not warn the  
21 public of the specific or general location of the steel-jaw leghold traps,  
22 strangulation snares, and kill-type animal traps they hide on public lands; and

23 WHEREAS, humans have suffered injuries and companion and other  
24 nontarget animals have been injured, maimed and killed by hidden and  
25 unmarked steel-jaw leghold traps, strangulation snares, and kill-type animal  
26 traps on public lands in New Mexico; and

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1           WHEREAS, tourism to the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County and the  
2 State of New Mexico is of major economic benefit and concern to the City of  
3 Albuquerque and its merchants and residents; and

4           WHEREAS, public safety is a matter of major concern to the City of  
5 Albuquerque and its residents; and

6           WHEREAS, ending the use of steel-jaw leghold traps, strangulation snares,  
7 and kill-type animal traps on New Mexico's public lands will benefit the City of  
8 Albuquerque by eliminating a practice that takes away from the Tourist-  
9 Friendly environment of our City and region.

10          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
11 ALBUQUERQUE:

12           The City of Albuquerque supports a ban of animal trapping through the use  
13 of steel-jaw leghold traps, strangulation snares, kill-type animal traps, and any  
14 modified version of any such traps on New Mexico public lands.

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