

CITY OF AMES MUNICIPAL CODE - CHAPTER 3 - ANIMALS

DIVISION IV
TRAPPING

Sec. 3.401. PROHIBITION ON TRAPPING.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to set and maintain animal or bird traps upon public or private property at any time except as follows:

(a) Traps set and maintained by the City Animal Control Officers, or by persons acting under written permission of such officers, for the purpose of controlling animals determined by such officials to be a public hazard or nuisance.

(b) Humane live box traps on public or private property, with the written permission of the City Animal Control Official. Such permission must detail the approximate location of each trap and bear the identification of the trap's owner. Such permission shall be withheld if the traps used and/or the locations of placement are deemed to be cruel or a hazard to people or domestic animals.

(c) Instant kill snap traps designed for small rodents' pest control.

(2) The use of conibear traps, snare traps, steel jaw traps, leg hold traps, spring traps, or any similar device designed to catch and hold the animal by the leg or other part of the body; or which is likely for any reason to cause injury, pain and suffering before death, are prohibited.

(3) The Animal Control Officials of the City may, with the approval of the City Council, promulgate and publish detailed regulations and policies for trapping in the City of Ames violation of which shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 2998, Sec. 1, 1-5-88; Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88)