

I am writing in support of the feral cat ordinance. I have been a Caregiver and feel this program adds value to our communities. Trap-neuter-release (TNR) is a humane, non-lethal alternative to the inhumane trap and kill method of controlling cat populations. It is a management technique in which many residents are in favor of and want to participate in. I further believe that with some modifications to the current program, more residents will get involved.

I volunteer and foster with a local cat rescue and our organization pulls cats from the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission as often as we can. Spring/summer always see a huge increase in the numbers of kittens entering Madacc and other local rescues. With a sustainable TNR program in place, we will continue to see these numbers drop and eliminate the need for euthanasia due to overcrowded conditions.

I have feral cats in my neighborhood and I WANT to help manage and control their population. I believe it's our responsibility as a community to help better our neighborhoods for ALL involved, including wildlife. It was said that residents want to enjoy their property and not deal with the cats. However, I rarely see the feral cats in my area but they are there. If we continue with TNR, residents won't have to deal with feral cats roaming on their property as their number will be reduced in time. I think the ordinance requires modification to make it better for the caretakers and the community.

Thank you for your time,

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