CITY OF BURLINGTON

An Ordinance in Relation to

ANIMALS AND FOWL--
Confinement of animals in vehicles

It is hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That Chapter 5, Animals & Fowl, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington be and hereby is amended by adding a new section, Sec. 5-28, "Confinement of animals in vehicles" thereto to read as follows:

Sec. 5-28. Confinement of animals in vehicles

   (a) A person shall not leave an animal unattended in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that would endanger the health or safety of the animal.

   (b) Any humane officer, law enforcement officer, or member of a fire and rescue service may use reasonable force to remove any such animal from a motor vehicle. The officer so removing an animal shall deliver the animal to a humane society, veterinarian or town or municipal pound. If the owner of the animal cannot be found, the officer shall place a written notice in the vehicle, bearing the name of the officer and the department and address where the animal may be claimed. The owner shall be liable for reasonable expenses associated with the removal, delivery, boarding and disposition of the animal and a lien may be placed on the animal for these expenses. The officer may not be held liable for criminal or civil liability for any damage resulting from actions taken under subsection (a) of this section.

   (c) A violation of this section shall be a civil violation subject to the penalties imposed by section 5-24 of this chapter.

*   Material underlined added.