



**REQUEST FOR ACTION**  
**Long Lake City Council**

**MEETING DATE / September 19, 2023**

**Subject:** Public Hearing: Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Animals (Repeal and Replace)

**Prepared By:** Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk

**Staff Initials:** JM

**Recommended City Council Action**

Upon conclusion of the public hearing, staff recommends the following:

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03 repealing and replacing Chapter 6 – Animals of the City Code of Ordinances (select Option A or Option B), and direct staff to publish an Ordinance Publication Summary notice.

**Overview / Background**

As staff continues to evaluate areas of City Code that are in need of review and updating, one area that has been on our list for an overhaul is our Animals chapter. The existing language has some deficiencies with regard to certain public safety protocols and current animal husbandry trends.

Staff has prepared the attached Ordinance No. 2023-03 that would repeal and replace Chapter 6 – Animals with new text. This proposed Ordinance has been reviewed in detail by our Police Chief and City Attorney, and incorporates their changes and recommendations. The new draft Ordinance:

- Option A Version: Establishes that use of an e-collar does not meet the definition of a dog being leashed or 'under restraint' at any time.

Option B Version: Allows leashing, e-collars and clicker training equipment as allowable restraints; however, all dogs would be held to the standard of being kept within six feet of their owner/custodian. Also, establishes that use of an e-collar or clicker training equipment does not meet the definition of a dog being leashed while on City park property.

- Declares it to be unlawful to keep livestock animals, venomous reptiles, or any other animals of which the keeping in captivity is prohibited by state or federal law (for example: no horses, no tigers or other large cats that would be in violation of the federal Big Cat Public Safety Act enacted in December 2022).
- Requires that both dogs and cats over six months of age have a current rabies vaccination.
- At the Police Chief's recommendation, includes language referenced in state statute regarding animals unattended and endangered in motor vehicles.
- Allows kennel permits to be issued by the City Clerk versus requiring all kennel permits to be subject to City Council review, thereby making the kennel permit process less intimidating to encourage compliance.
- Adopts the provisions of Minn. Stats. 347.50 through 347.55 dealing with the regulation of dangerous dogs, utilizing the same language Wayzata currently uses in their code for ease of enforcement.

Financial Impact: \$	Budgeted (Y / N)?	Source:
Notes:		

- Adds a new 'Chicken Permit' process as well as regulations for chicken ownership and facilities. Chicken facilities would need to be set back at least 25 feet from the nearest point of any right-of-way.

Staff recommends the City Council hold the required public hearing to invite public comment, and upon conclusion of the public hearing, consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-03 to repeal and replace Chapter 6 – Utilities of the City Code of Ordinance. Please note that the motion to adopt the Ordinance must include whether the Option A or Option B version are being acted upon.

### **Supporting Information**

- Ordinance Publication Summary
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Animals (Option A)
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Animals (Option B)