

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: ROB PETTY, CIO
SUBJECT: PET MICROCHIP SCANNING STATION
DATE: JUNE 2, 2026

Mayor and Council –

Please see the following memo regarding this new initiative. All the equipment (box, scanner, etc.) was provided by Second Chances Animal Resources through a grant they secured. They will also provide us with batteries each year to keep the unit operational.

- Victor

The City of Novi has partnered with Second Chances Animal Resources to install a free, publicly accessible pet microchip scanning station at City Hall. The station is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is designed to assist residents who find lost pets by allowing them to scan for a microchip without needing assistance. Animal welfare organizations note that collars and identification tags can be lost or removed, whereas implanted microchips provide permanent identification and remain one of the most effective methods for returning lost pets to their families.

Public microchip scanning stations are increasingly being adopted by municipalities and animal welfare organizations across North America as a tool to reunite lost pets with their owners more quickly while reducing the burden on local animal shelters. Housed in a weatherproof enclosure and located near the south entrance to City Hall, this station enables community members to actively participate in pet reunification efforts.

Residents who find a lost dog or cat can visit the scanning station and use the handheld scanner to check for a microchip. If a microchip is detected, the scanner will display the identification number. Users can then access microchip registry databases via the QR code at the station to identify the appropriate registry and contact the pet's owner while maintaining privacy protections.

The installation of the public pet microchip scanning station at City Hall represents a simple, cost-effective initiative that supports animal welfare, community engagement, and responsible pet ownership while empowering residents to help reunite lost pets with their families. Staff will continue to monitor public use of the station and to promote awareness of this new service throughout the community.

