## CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** An ordinance amending Section 8–16 of the 2023 Sheboygan Municipal Code relating to allowing pets in parks and on public grounds.

**REPORT PREPARED BY:** Joe Kerlin, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry

REPORT DATE: June 7, 2023		MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023	
FISCAL SUMMARY:		STATUTORY REFERENCE:	
Budget Line Item: Budget Summary: Budget Expenditure: Budgeted Revenue:	N/A N/A N/A N/A	Wisconsin Statues: Municipal Code:	N/A Sec 8-16

**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:** Since its creation in 2020, the Pet Friendly Task Force has sought to make the City of Sheboygan more accessible and friendlier to pets and pet-owners. The Task Force undertook a community-wide survey to identify ways the City could become more pet friendly. The Task Force also met with King Park, Indiana Corridor and Memorial Neighborhood Associations. Positive feedback was received from each association concerning proposed changes that would include allowing pets in their neighborhood parks.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** The Department of Public Works has been working closely with the Mayor's office and Attorney's office on the attached ordinance amendment. A redlined ordinance amendment is also attached in order for committee members to review the changes being proposed.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Motion to recommend the Common Council adopt Gen. Ord. No. 4-23-24 an ordinance amending Section 8–16 of the 2023 Sheboygan Municipal Code relating to allowing pets in parks and on public grounds.

## ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Ord. No. 4-23-24
- II. Ord. No. 4-23-24 redlined