
TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Jenni Wida, Deputy Administrator-City Clerk
SUBJECT: Dangerous Dog Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading
DATE: March 17, 2025

OVERVIEW:

City code states that an appeal of a dog ordered to be potentially dangerous or dangerous should be brought before City Council by the dog owner and to have Council decide whether a dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous.

The current process of an appeal of a dog ordered by the Chief of Police to be potentially dangerous or dangerous is to bring in an administrative hearing officer. The administrative hearing officer will meet with the Police Chief, City Clerk and owner of the dog and will then determine if the dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous or none of these.

If the dog is ordered to be potentially dangerous or dangerous, the owner must register the dog with the city with a license fee. The current fees are \$250.00 per year for a potentially dangerous dog and \$500.00 per year for a dangerous dog. The owner has specific requirements to keep this registration. The Police Department will do check-ins with the owner to make sure they are following the requirements set by city code.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Approve the amendment to the dangerous dog code to be in line with the current process.

Attachments:

- Ordinance 345 – amendment to Chapter 8 Section 3 Animals
- Resolution 2025-16 Summary Publication of Ordinance 345