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DATE: December 14, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: Amanda Baryenbruch, City Clerk / Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: Licensing of Dogs and/or Cats

The current section of the Municipal Code that applies to the licensing of Dogs and Cats references a Kennel License. It also currently states that the City issues a Kennel License. According to Wisconsin State Statute §173.41, a person that operates an animal shelter, animal control facility, dog breeding facility, or a dog dealer must obtain a license from the State of Wisconsin.

Our current code also limits individuals from possessing more than five animals at a dwelling unless a permit is obtained. The amended ordinance would require individuals to submit a permit for any number over three animals but individuals are not permitted to possess more than five dogs and/or cats at any one dwelling at any time. Any individual that currently has more than five animals is allowed to keep their animals but is not permitted to obtain more animals until they reach under five animals in their possession.

Our current code references any individual licensing more than one dog can obtain a multiple dog license. According to Manitowoc County, this is not what this license is for. Multiple dog licenses are for individuals that have multiple dogs but it is in the best interest for the owner to obtain the multiple dog license. Currently the fee for our dog licenses are \$10.00 for spayed / neutered and \$15.00 for unspayed / unneutered; a multiple dog license is \$35.00 for up to 12 dogs. Since it is in the best interest of the individual to pay for individual licenses for their dog until they exceed three, the amended ordinance reflects the multiple dog license is available to those licensing more than three dogs.