

## ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend section 6-5-21(c), entitled "Exception by permit" in the Municipal Code to provide requirements and standards for licensing animals in the City. This amendment is intended to delete the reference to "Kennel License" and replace it with "Dog Breeder License".

**SECTION 1.** That Section 6-5-21(c), entitled "Exception by Permit" of the Municipal Code shall hereby be amended as follows.

- (c) *Exception by permit.* Any person or persons who do not possess a valid State of Wisconsin ~~Kennel~~ **Dog Breeder** License and, following the effective date of this section, own, harbor, maintain or keep any adult dogs and/or cats on a premises in the City of Two Rivers in excess of three may retain those animals if the following conditions are met:
1. Such person or persons shall complete an application for permit granting temporary waiver of the requirements of this chapter related to maximum number of dogs and/or cats, and shall deliver that application along with the appropriate waiver permit fee (as established in title 1 of this Code) to the city clerk's office. Such permits may be granted to responsible pet owners who have completed an application for permit granting waiver of the requirements of this chapter related to maximum number of dogs and/or cats, who have adult dogs and/or cats on their premises in numbers that exceed the limits established herein, to obtain and retain a waiver subject to the terms of this section.
  2. The applicant(s) must demonstrate that all animals are properly cared for, sheltered, and do not pose a health problem within the property or a nuisance within the neighborhood. An initial inspection of the property by the Community Service Officer or designee authorized by the Chief of Police shall be required and shall be the city's basis for determining whether these requirements are met. Any applicants seeking such permit shall further agree, in writing, to make their property available for such inspections by the Community Service Officer or designee authorized by the Chief of Police on an annual basis as a condition of maintaining their temporary exception from the requirements of this section.
    - a. No person or persons may exceed five dogs and/or cats at any point unless such person or persons possess a valid State of Wisconsin ~~Kennel~~ **Dog Breeder** License.
  3. The person or persons granted such permit shall pay an annual inspection fee as indicated in title 1 of this Code.
  4. All dogs must be properly licensed.
  5. The holder of a valid waiver permit shall further agree to make the property available for inspection(s) by the Community Service Officer or designee authorized by the Chief of Police upon evidence or complaint that the requirements of this section are not being met.

6. A waiver permit may be revoked by the Community Service Officer or designee authorized by the Chief of Police upon sufficient evidence that the requirements of this section are not being met or that the permittee has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to three or more violations within any 12-month period of ordinances relating to restrictions on keeping dogs and cats. Any person whose waiver permit has been revoked must reapply for such a permit.
7. Each applicant or holder of a waiver permit having been denied a permit, or after having their permit revoked, may request, in writing, to the city manager to set a meeting with the city council, committee of the whole, to discuss the matter. The city manager shall thereupon schedule a meeting at a time mutually convenient to the council and the person making the request.
8. Such permits may be transferred from one property to another within the city, provided that the new location is first inspected and approved by the Community Service Officer or designee authorized by the Chief of Police and is not otherwise in violation of this Code. An additional waiver permit fee must be paid in advance of such inspection.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage and publication of same.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

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Scott Stechmesser  
President, City Council

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Ben Meinnert  
Acting City Manager

Attest:

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Amanda Baryenbruch  
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

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City Attorney