

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

# Minneapolis Animal Care and Control Ordinance Update



“To Serve and Protect the public by promoting a safer community through responsible pet ownership and humane care.”

# Background

- In 2014, CM Andrew Johnson asked Minneapolis Animal Care & Control to take a hard look at the existing code and make significant improvements
- The result is a proposed ordinance that clearly defines
  - Who we are
  - Our mission
  - The laws that set the standards for animal protection in Minneapolis



# What we did

## We engaged our partners and conducted best practices research

- Officer protection guidelines
  - National Animal Control Association
- Shelter practices, including policies and procedures about euthanasia
  - American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
  - Humane Society of the United States
  - Veterinary Medical Association
- Reviewed other state practices and codes
- Citizens
- City of St. Paul
- Animal Humane Society
- Humane Society of the United States
- Rescue groups
- Citizens for Minneapolis Animal Care and Control
- MN PAWS
- Animal Care and Control Advisory Board
- MACC staff and volunteers
- General public – three community meetings

# What we learned from our partners



We do a lot of things really well, but we also heard:

# What we learned from our partners (cont'd.)

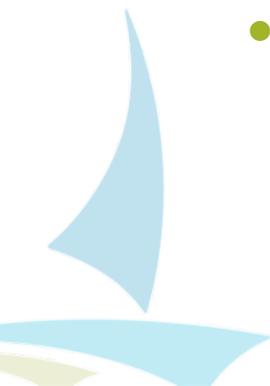
- Our mission needs to be updated to reflect modern animal welfare practices and community expectations
- We could be doing more to help create a pet-friendly city that has the protections necessary to provide all animals with a good life
- Our Animal Shelter should provide services to its community and improve the lives of citizens and animals
- Ordinances should be easy to understand and work with

# What we learned from our partners (cont'd.)

- The importance of continued commitment to effective protection from dangerous or vicious animals
- Freedom to responsibly own animals currently banned by ordinance should be allowed
- Compliance with permits and license requirements is necessary, but some of the regulations around securing those permits were difficult and ultimately counterproductive

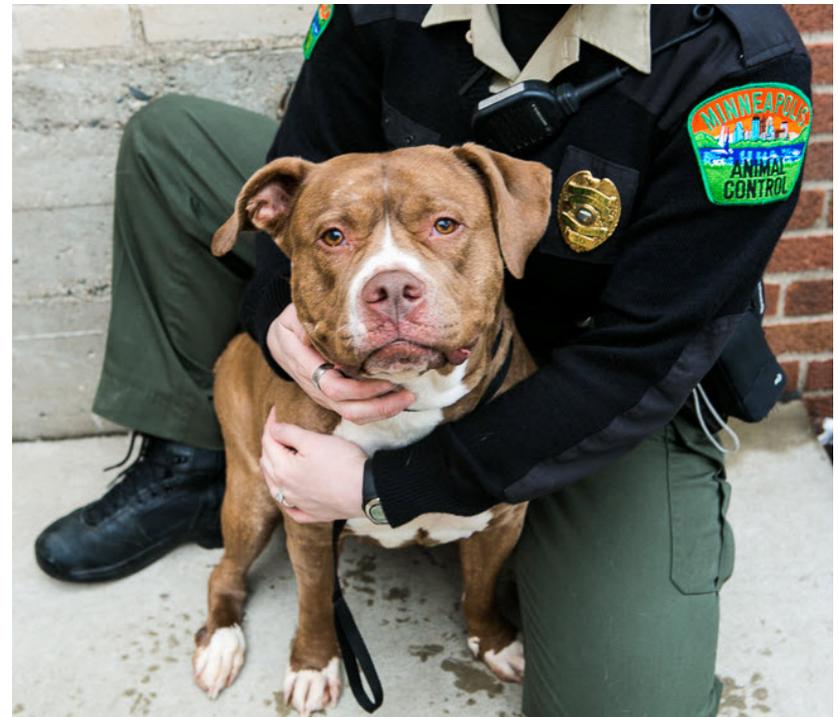
# What is new for MACC and its partners in the proposed ordinance

- Definitions
  - Ramped up and increased the section on definitions
  - Previous language is vague; clear definitions will foster a common understanding of the law
- Role and purpose of MACC
  - Affirm the roles, responsibilities, and authority of MACC to protect animals and enforce the ordinance
- Records and public accountability
  - Establish expectations of which records MACC and its partners will maintain



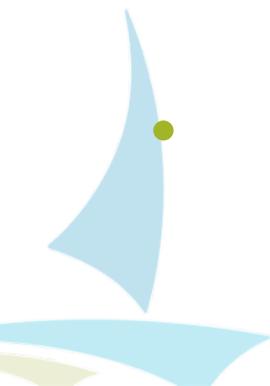
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- Standards, care, and disposition of impounded animals
  - For MACC and for private shelters
- Disposition of impounded animals
  - Clear, transparent protocol for use of euthanasia, transfer to rescue partners, and holding period for stray and surrendered animals



# What is new for the community in the proposed ordinance

- Nuisances and disturbing the peace
  - Expanded, clear definition of what constitutes a nuisance
  - Applies to all animals (roosters, dogs, birds)
  - Noise must be plainly audible across a property line or through partitions common to two residences
  - Must take place for 15 minutes between 7 AM and 10 PM or for 10 minutes between 10 PM and 7 AM



# New for the community in the proposed ordinance (Cont'd)

- Leashing and tethering
  - Tethered animals must be monitored; owner must be nearby
- Endangering the public
  - Specific language that prohibits the care, custody or housing of any animal in such a manner that endangers the safety of the public



# What is new for owners in the proposed ordinance

- Licensing & permitting
  - Creating a reptile and amphibian permit
  - Updating requirements for chickens
  - Removing signature requirements
  - Eliminating licensing requirements for rabbits
- Number of pets
  - Up to four animals per dwelling unit (no more than three of which can be dogs) without a multiple animal permit

# New for owners in the proposed ordinance (cont'd)

- Clearly specifies what we expect in terms of treatment and being a responsible owner
- Must have:
  - Adequate food, water, and shelter
  - Appropriate space and exercise
  - Access to veterinary care & treatment
  - Access to care to prevent pain and suffering



# What is new for animals in the proposed ordinance

- **Animal traps**
  - Nuisance animals such as raccoons and squirrels must be trapped using humane methods to allow them to be released to the wild
- **Reptiles and amphibians**
  - New permit will allow non-toxic, non-venomous, non-poisonous reptiles and amphibians as pets
- **Euthanasia**
  - Establish clear procedural requirements for the use of euthanasia
  - Require a check against the registry of organizations willing to accept animals prior to euthanasia

# New for animals in the proposed ordinance (cont'd.)

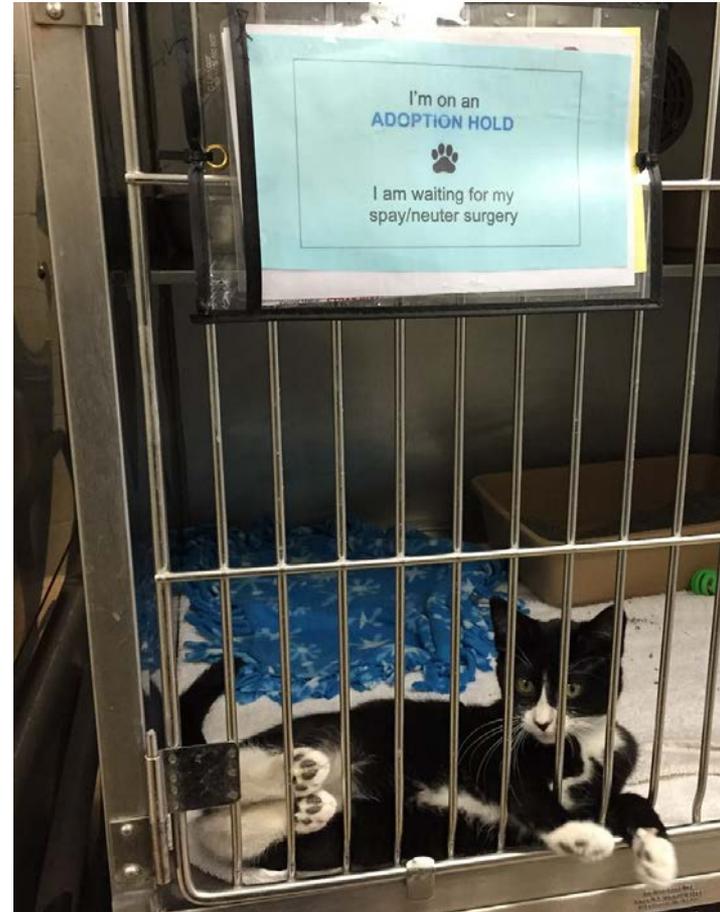
- Fowl permits
  - Eliminate the neighbor signature requirement
  - Increase education about caring for poultry and fowl
  - Better define adequate care requirements for poultry and fowl
  - Roosters to require a special permit
  - Replace bulk annual renewals with 12 month rolling permits



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# What we didn't touch

- Feral cats
- Honeybees
- Commercial vendors
- Licensing (with the exception of eliminating license requirements for rabbits)
- Horses/Stables
- Feces clean-up
- State law requirements, e.g. dangerous dogs



# Fee Schedule

Pet Licensing	Current	Proposed
Dog/Cat spayed	\$25	\$25
Dog/Cat non-spayed	\$50	\$75
Dog/Cat Senior Spayed	\$10	\$10
Dog/ Cat Senior non-spayed	\$35	\$65
Ferret/Rabbit spayed	\$15	\$15
Ferret/Rabbit non-spayed	\$25	\$25
Low income spayed	\$10	\$10
Low income non-spayed	\$35	\$65
3 yr. Dog/Cat licensed spayed	\$75	\$75
3 yr. Dog/Cat license non-spayed		
Lifetime dog/cat license	\$200	\$240
Dangerous Animal License	\$75	\$75
Duplicate license	\$1	\$5
Registration	Current	Proposed
Dangerous Animal	\$200	\$250
Potentially Dangerous	\$100	\$100

Permitting	Current	Proposed
Pet Shop Inspection	\$58.31	\$100
Horse Carriage Inps.	\$58.31	\$100
Class A Private Event	\$50	\$75
Class B Public Event	\$75	\$200
Class C Exotic Event	\$750	\$2,000
Bee Permit	\$100	\$100
Multi-Animal	\$75	\$75
Re-Multi Animal	\$50	N/A
Small Animal	\$50	N/A
Re-small animal	\$40	N/A
5yr small animal	\$150	N/A
Fowl Permit 1-6	N/A	\$25
Fowl Permit 7-10	N/A	\$50
Fow3 Permit 11-15	N/A	\$75
Prohibited Animal	\$250	\$250

# Fee Schedule, continued

Adoption	Current	Proposed
Dog	\$90	\$250
Cat	\$60	\$100
Small Animal	\$50	\$50
Chicken	N/A	\$10
Large Exotic Bird	N/A	\$1,000
Small Exotic Bird	N/A	\$400
Small Reptile	N/A	\$75
Large Reptile	N/A	\$500
Impound Fees	Current	Proposed
1 <sup>st</sup> offense	\$50	\$50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$75	\$75
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	\$100	\$100
Dangerous Animal	\$100	\$100

Kennel Fees	Current	Proposed
Per Day	\$15	\$20
Dangerous	\$25	\$30
Miscellaneous	Current	Proposed
Pet Carrier	\$10	\$15
Rabies Vac.	\$20	\$20
Sedation	\$20	\$20
Micro-chip	\$35	\$35
3ft. Leash	\$15	\$15
Basket Muzzle	\$10	\$20
Dangerous Signs	\$16	\$20
Dog Vaccine	N/A	\$20
Cat Vaccine	N/A	\$20