



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Regulatory Services**

Date: April 14, 2005

To: Public Safety and Regulatory Services

Subject: Permits and Licenses for Hoofed, Wild and Small Animals

Recommendation: Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Minneapolis City Ordinance 74.60. Exceptions; permit required; 303.30. Licensee fee; cleanup fee and 303.110. Temporary Routes; and the addition of a new Chapter 304. Hoofed and/or Small Animal Service

Previous Directives: Amend Ordinances to Remove Special Permits Regarding Hoofed Animals and Animals Wild by Nature

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan Zoning Code Other
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Background/Supporting Information Attached:

The proposed ordinance amendments are prompted by the devolution of responsibility from the Office of the City Clerk to the Animal Care and Control Program for permits for animals that are otherwise prohibited by Minneapolis City Ordinance—namely, hoofed animals, animals that are wild by nature, and certain small animals and fowl. The amendments would grant authority to the Animal Care and Control Program for the issuance of several such permits and the collection of permit fees to cover the costs of these permits. The amendments would also establish authority for the Department of Licenses and Consumer Services to issue licenses to any person who regularly brings into the City hoofed or small animals otherwise prohibited by MCO 70.10 or 74.40.

With respect to the permits, it should be noted that there are three types of permits with graduated fees. These three permits reflect the different nature of activities that are being permitted and the investment of resources that is required to properly regulate these activities. These resources are reflected in the administrative and inspection requirements that are needed to ensure public safety and health when animals otherwise prohibited are brought into the City of Minneapolis.

With respect to licenses, it should be noted that the intent of the amendments is to ensure the ease of business conduct through regulations that ensure the safety and health of the public. A license for hoofed or small animal service eliminates the need for a vendor to repeatedly obtain a permit for animal rides and/or exhibits that they expect to provide to a number of different customers in the course of a given year. Similarly, there is a license for horse and carriage livery service that does not require payment of the clean-up fee that is suited to the needs of vendors who come into the City fewer than ten (10) times for occasions such as weddings.