



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: June 28, 2006

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair, PS&RS Committee

**Subject: Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Animals**

### Recommendation:

64.110. Dangerous Animals. Amend Code to define terms, requirements, fees and fines for dangerous and potentially dangerous animals and remove authority from Commissioner of Health and grant to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control.

64.120. Disposition of Animals. Amend Code regarding the disposition of animals to set fines and fees and to remove authority from Commissioner of Health and grant to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control.

64.130. Concealing of Dangerous Animals. Amend Code to remove authority from Commissioner of Health and grant to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control.

**Previous Directives:** NA

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**Approved by:** Burt Osborne, Director, Licenses & Environmental Management

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**Permanent Review Committee (PRC)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable **X**  
**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_ Not Applicable **X**

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase (in 2007 Budget proposal).
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact (use any categories that apply)**

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The proposed amendments seek to bring City Code in accordance with State Statute 347.50 (Regulation of Dangerous Dogs) and codify Minneapolis Animal Care & Control's dangerous and potentially dangerous animal declaration process.

Specifically, the amendments would:

- Provide a definition for dangerous and potentially dangerous animals and specify 'requirements' for keeping dangerous and potentially dangerous animals in the City of Minneapolis;
- Require an annual registration of the dangerous animal with Minneapolis Animal Care & Control;
- Clarify the declaration, hearing and appeals processes;
- Add administrative fine language and increased impound, kennel, and license fees for dangerous and potentially dangerous animals;
- Add fees for destruct orders; and
- Remove authority for dangerous animal activities from the Health Commissioner and grant these powers to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control.

Animal Care & Control anticipates generating approximately \$20,000 in new revenue in 2007 in fees and fines to help recover the cost for the overuse of animal control services associated with dangerous and potentially dangerous animals. In the past, no citations or fines were given for owning a dangerous animal in Minneapolis. The City declared 30 dogs as dangerous and over 300 dogs as potentially dangerous in 2005.

