



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

Date: January 22nd, 2008

To: CM Don Samuels, Chair of Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to: CM Paul Ostrow, Chair of Ways and Means

Subject: Ordinance Amending Title 4 of Code - Chapter 64 relating to Animals and Fowl: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets, and Rabbits.

Recommendation:

That the City Council review and act upon staff recommendations on Title 4 – Chapter 64 relating to Animals and Fowl: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets, and Rabbits.

Previous Directives:

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Presenters in Committee:

Burt Osborne, Director

Approved by:

Burt Osborne, Director

Lori Olson, Deputy Director

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact – Fine and fee increases for cost recovery.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification
City Goals
Comprehensive Plan
Zoning Code
Other

Supporting Information

In late December, Minneapolis Animal Care and Control (ACC) learned that in their budget adoption the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board had approved an increase to the Off-Leash Dog Park Permit fees. The fee increase approved is:

Resident – current fee is \$25 with \$15 for each additional permit – new fee is \$35 and \$25 for each additional permit.

Non-Resident – current fee is \$50 and \$30 for each additional permit – new fee is \$60 and \$35 for each additional permit.

When contacted Park and Recreational staff indicated they were not aware ACC had not been informed of the increase. Upon review, ACC determined that the fee was in ordinance and could not be increased without Council amending City of Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Chapter 64. Park staff was not aware of the fees being in ordinance.

When discussing the need to go before council for change in ordinance, Park staff asked that the actual fee amounts not be in ordinance, but rather they requested ordinance to read “fees shall be set by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.”