

# City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	4.7	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 10, 2025
<b>Agenda Section:</b>	Consent	<b>Originating Department:</b>	Police
<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Stephanie Heiberger, Police
<b>Ordinance:</b>	SECOND READING		
<b>Attachments:</b>	1	<b>Presented By:</b>	Police Chief Mark Bruley
<b>Item:</b>	SECOND READING of an Amendment to Chapter 92 of the Brooklyn Park City Code Pertaining to Animals		

## City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_, SECOND \_\_\_\_\_, TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2025-\_\_\_\_ APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 92 OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS

## Overview:

We are requesting a change to the animal ordinance to align with the process changes that have occurred at PUPS (Pets Under Police Security), our animal impound facility. Also, we are requesting a change to ordinance to assist with improving identification of owners of animals and reducing the number of animals at a residence. These changes are presented in hopes of reducing animal-related concerns in our community.

**Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:** N/A

**Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:** N/A

## Attachments:

4.7A ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE #2025-

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 Sections 92.12, 92.19, 92.21, AND 92.32 OF THE  
BROOKLYN PARK CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS

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The City of Brooklyn Park Does Ordain:

Section 1. Chapter 92.12 of the Brooklyn Park City Code is amended to read as follows:

**§ 92.12 IMPOUNDING.**

It is the duty of the Animal Control Officer to apprehend any animal found running at large or otherwise in violation of the provisions of this chapter and to impound such animal in the pound or other suitable place pending compliance or a determination on the animal's disposition. The Animal Control Officer upon receiving any animal must make a complete registry, entering the breed, color, sex, if such information can be obtained safely. If the animal bears no identification which reasonably reveals its ownership, the Animal Control Officer shall impound the animal in the pound for a period of at least seven days. Immediately upon impounding an animal, reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the owner and inform the owner of the animal's confinement and the procedures for release of the animal to the owner. Any animal impounded, with the exception of a potentially dangerous dog or dangerous dog or a dog that has inflicted substantial or great bodily harm upon a person, may be reclaimed by the owner within five days after such impoundment. Before the owner shall be permitted to recover possession of the animal, the owner shall pay the city impound facility all required fees and costs of impoundment. An animal that is not redeemed by its owner within five days after impounding may be euthanized and disposed of in a sanitary manner by the Animal Control Officer

Section 2. Chapter 92.19 of the Brooklyn Park City Code is amended to read as follows:

**§ 92.19 REDEMPTION.**

(A) An animal may be redeemed from the pound during the hours set forth by the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, by the owner upon paying the following fees and charges:

- (1) Providing proof of current rabies vaccination.
- (2) The boarding fee.
- (3) An impounding fee ~~in the amount established by the Council.~~
- (4) Any fees incurred by the city or impound facility for required treatment of the animal.

(5) Any Animal that is not microchipped will be microchipped by the impounding facility, prior to release, at the owner's expense. ~~The city will also add a fee as established by the City Council for any services rendered when the officer is required to extend services in the following cases:~~

- ~~— (a) Beyond regular office hours.~~
- ~~— (b) At times when he or she is not regularly on patrol.~~
- ~~— (c) If the city incurs additional expenses for any additional services.~~

(B) This section does not require the pound keeper or the Animal Control Officer to extend services other than during regular business hours unless it is reasonably convenient for those persons to provide those services.

Section 3. Chapter 92.21 of the Brooklyn Park City Code is amended to read as follows:

**§ 92.21 LIMIT OF ANIMALS ON ONE PREMISES.**

It is unlawful to keep more than three animals ~~over six months of age~~ at any one dwelling unit except at a commercial kennel. If an animal owner exceeds the amount of animals kept at any one dwelling unit, the owner has eight weeks to remove all animals exceeding the limit specified in this section. Up to five animals over six months of age may be kept at any one dwelling unit only if at least two of the animals are trained or in training by a recognized program with an established curriculum for animals to perform certain tasks such as animals that provide assistance to persons with disabilities, police K-9s, detecting animals, and search and rescue animals and animals awaiting adoption in foster homes under a recognized animal foster program.

Section 4. Chapter 92.32 of the Brooklyn Park City Code is amended to read as follows:

**§ 92.32 IDENTIFICATION AND VACCINATION.**

(A) It is unlawful to own, harbor, keep, or have custody of an animal over six months of age within this municipality without an identification tag on them, and the animal has a current vaccination against rabies with an approved vaccine as determined by the current official “Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines” published by the Conference of State Public Health Veterinarians and the Center for Disease Control of the Department of Health and Human Services. Every person convicted of a violation of this provision is guilty of a penal offense.

(B) *Identification.* All animals are required to have identification on them at all times. Identification includes veterinarian issued rabies tags, ~~or any tags or collars with contact information and phone number(s) inscribed on it,~~ or a microchip.