

## ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 34

### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LIFETIME ANIMAL LICENSES THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLES I AND III OF THE CITY CODE.**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 14 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are in ~~strikethrough~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 14: LICENSES AND PERMITS**

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#### **ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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##### **14.03 FEES.**

Except as otherwise stated in this code, the fees for the various licenses and permits shall be as hereinafter stated.

License/Permit	Required by Section	Annual Fee
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<b>Animals, Domestic</b>	14.88	
(A) Dog, individual		<u>[\$17.50]\$25</u> <u>Lifetime</u>
(B) Cat, individual		<u>[\$5] \$25 Lifetime</u>
(C) Ferret, spayed or neutered individual		<u>[\$5] \$25 Lifetime</u>
(D) Transfer fee	14.89(g) [and {}]	<u>[\$2]\$5</u>
(E) Duplicate	14.89(f)	<u>[\$2]\$5</u>

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#### **ARTICLE III: ANIMAL LICENSES**

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##### **DIVISION A: DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS**

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## § 14.86 FINDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The licensing of dogs, cats and ferrets, kept as pets, is found by the City Council to be necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the community. Unlicensed dogs, cats and ferrets can expose human beings and other animals to dangerous diseases like rabies if the city did not require vaccination for [annual] licensure; can cause damage to public and private property as nuisance conditions if the city did not track total number of licensed animals per residence; can exacerbate the existing overpopulation of dogs, cats and ferrets; can disrupt the quiet enjoyment of residential areas and parks; and can expose human beings and other animals to unsanitary and unhealthy conditions.

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## § 14.88 ANIMALS REQUIRING A LICENSE.

All persons who own a dog, cat or ferret within the city that is [six] three months or older shall have the [dog] animal licensed in accordance with this Division A. Hospitals, clinics and other facilities operated by veterinarians that are used for the care and treatment of animals are exempt from this section of this code, as are dogs belonging to the City Police Department, or dogs, cats and ferrets belonging to a nonresident of the city provided the dogs, cats or ferrets are not kept within the city for more than 30 days.

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## § 14.89 ANIMALS REQUIRING A LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS.

(a) *License requirement and application.* It is unlawful for an owner of an animal requiring a license that is [six] three months old or older to keep or harbor it within the city without having first obtained a license therefor in accordance with this Division A. No application for an animal requiring a license shall be accepted unless it is completed and signed by an owner who is at least 18 years of age on the application form provided by the issuing authority, which shall include at a minimum the following information: the full name, [date of birth or in the alternative, Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state identification card number,] home address and daytime and evening telephone numbers of each owner of the animal requiring a license; the name, breed, color, age, sex and reproductive status of the animal requiring a license; the street address where the animal requiring a license, or any other animal intended to live within the home will be kept or harbored; a current certificate of rabies vaccination for the animal requiring a license; and any other information deemed to be necessary by the issuing authority.

(b) *License fee.* The license fee shall be as set forth in § 14.03 of this code. The fee shall be paid at the time the application for the license is submitted to the issuing authority.

(c) *License validity.* All licenses issued under this Division A of this code [shall expire on December 31 of the year for which the license was issued and] shall only be valid for the animal identified on the license application unless the license is transferred under subsection (g) below.

(d) *Penalties.* Failure to obtain a license for an animal requiring a license shall be subject to penalties in § 12.130.

(e) *Individual animal licenses not required for commercial animal establishment licensees or pet services facilities.* Individual licenses for animals requiring a license kept in a commercial animal establishment licensed under § 14.92 through 14.103 or in pet services facilities defined in § 12.91 of this code need not be obtained by the operator.

(f) *License tag.* Upon acceptance of the license application, the issuing authority shall provide the owner of an animal requiring a license with a license tag, which shall be stamped with a unique identifying number [~~and the year for which the license was issued~~]. If the license tag issued for an animal requiring a license is lost, the owner shall obtain a duplicate tag upon the payment of a fee as specified in § 14.03 of this code. A valid durable license tag must be securely fastened to the choke chain, collar or harness. If the dog, cat or ferret is out of doors, either on the owner's premises but not confined or off the owner's premises, the collar or harness with the license tag attached shall be worn.

(g) *Transfer of license.* If a city licensed animal dies within ~~[the license year]~~ one year of application and an animal requiring a license is secured by the owner to replace the previous animal, the license for the deceased animal may be transferred to the replacement animal upon completion of a new application form identifying the replacement animal requiring a license and payment of a transfer fee as specified in § 14.03 of this code. No transfer of license from one species to another is allowed.

(h) *Change in ownership.* If there is a change of ownership, as defined in § 14.87 of this code, of a city licensed animal requiring a license, the new owner must apply for a license within 30 days and pay the fee charged for a new license if the animal continues to be kept or harbored in the city.

[i) *Reciprocity.* Upon proof of current rabies vaccination, an animal requiring a license that has a valid and current license from another city within the state may secure a city license by surrendering the other license, completing a new application form and paying a transfer fee as set forth in § 14.03 of this code.]

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Passed and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

/s/ Gene Winstead  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Denise M. Christenson  
Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied  
City Attorney