

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-36

AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO COMMERCIAL ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES FOR TEMPORARY EVENTS WITH THERAPY DOGS OR CATS, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

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

CHAPTER 14: LICENSES AND PERMITS

ARTICLE III: ANIMAL LICENSES

DIVISION B: COMMERCIAL ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENTS

§ 14.97 LICENSE APPLICATION EXECUTION, VERIFICATION AND CONSIDERATION.

(d) *Exemptions.* Exempt from commercial animal establishment licenses:

(1) Veterinary clinics and animal hospitals are exempt from obtaining a commercial animal establishment license if animals are only boarded for veterinary treatment purposes; and

(2) Those commercial animal establishment temporary events lasting less the 12 hours and located on property residentially zoned or used and not open to the public~~[-]~~; and

(3) Temporary events where therapy dogs or cats are used for therapy visits or presentations.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Victor Rivas
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Priyanka Rai
Secretary to the Council

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied
City Attorney