

**7.02: Introduce Ordinance #15-12 Amending City Code Chapter 10 (Animals) and Section 117-111 (R-1 Residential District) Amending Approval Process for Certain Animals**

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to adopt Ordinance #15-12 which would revise the approval process for certain animals such as four or more dogs, horses on 1.5 to 2.99 acres, beekeeping, and non-traditional domestic or exotic animals.

Councilmember Kuzma questioned how this would apply to the Game Fair.

Community Development Director Gladhill stated that this would not apply to the Game Fair and that activity would be instead continued to be governed through the transient merchant license.

Mayor Strommen confirmed with staff that the Game Fair issue would come back before the Council in the future for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Johns, to introduce Ordinance #15-12 Amending Chapter 10 (Animals) and Chapter 117 (Zoning and Subdivisions) of the Ramsey City Code Amending the Procedure for Approval for Certain Animals and Number of Animals.

Further discussion: Councilmember LeTourneau stated that while streamlining makes sense, he questioned where the streamlining would occur if the item already occurs on the consent agenda of the Council.

Community Development Director explained that the streamlining would occur with the categories of administrative approval and licensing, rather than requiring all applications to go through the Planning Commission as well.

Mayor Strommen stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval and is therefore comfortable with the process.

Councilmember Johns commended staff for this amendment which will reduce costs to residents that wish to keep some of the animals on the list.

Councilmember Shryock questioned when the public would be able to comment on requests.

Community Development Director explained the notification process that would be followed for different types of requests under the ordinance.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers Riley, Johns, Kuzma, LeTourneau, Shryock, and Williams. Voting No: None.