

ORDINANCE #21-08

**CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE:
“ANIMALS,”
VACATING THE REQUIREMENT OF DOG LICENSING AND REQUIRING
IDENTIFICATION TAGS.**

The City of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to eliminate the requirement that all dogs in the city be registered and licensed with the city. This ordinance will also modify language pertaining to identification tags. Identification tags will be required for all dogs in public spaces. Either physical tags or microchips are acceptable.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.633, the City of Ramsey hereby regulates animals within City limits.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE SECTION 10-57

(Underline is added language, strikeout is deleted language.)

~~Sec. 10-57. Individual dog licensing.~~

~~All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained in the city shall be licensed and registered. Applications for license shall be made to the city administrator, or his designee, upon forms provided by the city administrator. Said application shall require the owner, among other information required by the city administrator, to supply the name, age, predominant breed, sex, color and markings of each dog sought to be licensed. In addition, when the applicant or owner has been convicted of violation of section 10-65 relative to the dog sought to be licensed, the application shall require proof of public liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$300,000.00. Upon submission of the application and a certificate evidencing compliance with the terms and provisions of section 10-59, relating to vaccination for rabies, and upon payment of a fee as established by ordinance, the city administrator or his designee shall issue a license. Said license will be concurrent with a valid rabies vaccination for up to three years.~~

Sec. 10-58. - Tags.

All dogs in public spaces shall have an identification tag with owner or veterinarian contact information affixed to the dog collar. In lieu of a physical tag, a microchip embedded in the dog with the same information is sufficient for identification.

~~The license shall be in the form of an identification tag and shall be affixed by the owner to a collar to be worn by the dog. In case a tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the city administrator upon presentation of a receipt showing payment of the license fee for the current period and a payment as established by ordinance. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee because of death of the dog or the owners leaving the city prior to expiration of the license period.~~

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance becomes effective 30 days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter section 5.04.

ADOPTED this 23th day of February, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Ramsey.

CITY OF RAMSEY

By: _____
Mark Kuzma, Mayor

ATTEST:

Collen Lasher, City Clerk

Introduction date: February 9th, 2021

Posting dates:

Adoption date:

Publication:

Effective date: