

**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. ADDING CLARIFYING LANGUAGE TO DANGEROUS  
DOGS LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

**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. Added clarifying language pertaining to dangerous dogs and liability insurance.

**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.~~

Sec. 10-65.1. - Dangerous dog registration.

(a) *Requirement.* No person may own a dangerous dog in this state unless the dog is registered as provided in this section.

(b) *Registration.* An animal control authority shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a dangerous dog if the owner presents sufficient evidence that:

(1) A proper enclosure exists for the dangerous dog and a posting on the premises with a clearly visible warning sign that there is a dangerous dog on the property, including a warning symbol to inform children;

(2) A surety bond issued by a surety company authorized to conduct business in this state in a form acceptable to the animal control authority in the sum of at least \$300,000.00, payable to any person injured by the dangerous dog, or a policy of public liability insurance issued by an insurance company authorized to conduct business in this state in the amount of at least \$300,000.00, insuring the owner for any personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog;

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**ADOPTED** this 23<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Ramsey.

**CITY OF RAMSEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark E. Kuzma, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Collen Lasher, City Clerk

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