



AN ORDINANCE: by Council Directive 2023-03
Re: An Ordinance to Amend Section 3-14 Dog and
Cat Licenses.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07
Introduced: May 6, 2024
Committee/Commission Action:
Finance & Personnel

AN ORDINANCE

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Neenah Municipal Code, Section 3-14 Dog and Cat Licenses is hereby amended to now read as follows:

Sec. 3-14. Dog and cat licenses.

(a) *Generally.*

- (1) Every person residing in the City who owns, harbors or keeps a dog or cat which is more than five months of age on January 1 of any year shall annually, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, obtain a license therefor.
- (2) When a cat or dog becomes five months old, the owner shall obtain a license within 30 days.

(b) *License fees.*

- (1) Such owner of a dog or cat shall pay to the Director of Finance prior to April 1 of each year a license fee in the amount established by resolution. If the dog or cat becomes five months of age after July 1 of the licensed year, the license shall be one-half of the regular fees.
- (2) If the license fee is not timely paid, an additional fee in the amount established by resolution shall be assessed and collected.
- (3) Duplicate licenses may be purchased for \$1.00.

(c) *Issuance of license.* Upon exhibiting a currently valid rabies vaccination certificate and payment to the Director of Finance of the required fee, the Director of Finance shall issue a license to keep such dog or cat and tag for each such dog or cat so licensed. The tag shall be placed upon the collar of each dog or cat, and such tag and collar shall be attached to the animal when off the owner's premises.

(d) *Exemptions.*

- (1) *Veterinarians, etc.* Hospitals, clinics and other premises operated by licensed veterinarians exclusively for the care and treatment of animals are exempt from the provisions of this section except where such duties are expressly stated.
- (2) *Nonresidents.* The licensing requirements of this section shall not apply to any dog or cat belonging to a nonresident of the City and kept within the City for not longer than 30 days, provided any such dog or cat shall at all times while within the City be kept under restraint.
- (3) **Fee Exemption of Dogs that are service animals.** Every dog that is a service animal, as defined in Wisconsin State Statute §106.52(1)(fm), is exempt from the dog license fee of subsection (b)(1) hereof, upon an annual application for a dog license. ~~Service animal means a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal that is individually trained or is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including the work or task of guiding a person with impaired vision, alerting a person with impaired hearing to intruders or sound, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.~~

(Ord. No. 2017-05A, § 1, 3-15-2017; State law reference: Wis. Stats. §174.055)

Section 2. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or any illegal application had not been made.

Section 3. Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Moved by: Erickson/Boyette

Adopted: May 15, 2024

Approved: 8-0, Ellis Excused

Published: June 24, 2024

Approved:


Jane B Lang, Mayor

Attest:


Charlotte K. Nagel, City Clerk

