

ORDINANCE NO. 6682

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4.20 ANIMAL CONTROL BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 4.20.031 TO BE ENTITLED "RESTRICTIONS ON PET OWNERSHIP".

**BE IT ORDAINED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4.20 Animal Control is hereby amended by enacting new Section 4.20.031 to be entitled "Restrictions on Pet Ownership" to read as follows:

4.20.031 Restrictions on Pet Ownership

A. It shall be unlawful for a person who was convicted of the following offenses to own, possess, exercise control over, maintain, harbor, or transport a dog or cat within the City of Council Bluffs:

1. A serious misdemeanor, aggravated misdemeanor, or felony under Iowa Code § 717B.2 or the current state statute prohibiting animal abuse.
2. A serious misdemeanor, aggravated misdemeanor, or felony under Iowa Code § 717B.3 or the current state statute prohibiting animal neglect.
3. An aggravated misdemeanor or felony under Iowa Code § 717B.3a or the current state statute prohibiting animal torture.
4. A serious misdemeanor, or aggravated misdemeanor under Iowa Code § 717B.8 or the current state statute prohibiting animal abandonment.
5. An aggravated misdemeanor or felony under Iowa Code Chapter 717D or the current state statute prohibiting animal contest events.

B. A violation of this section shall constitute a municipal infraction and be subject to the penalty provisions of CBMC 1.95.020.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this ordinance are for any reason declared illegal or void, then the lawful provisions of this ordinance which are severable from said unlawful provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the ordinance contained no illegal or void provisions.

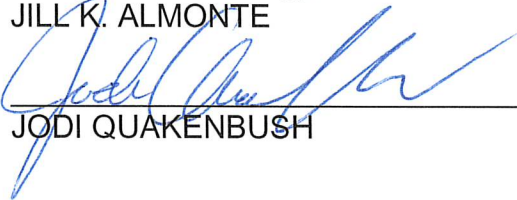
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication, as provided for by law.

PASSED
AND
APPROVED

June 8, 2026.



JILL K. ALMONTE Mayor

Attest: 

JODI QUAKENBUSH City Clerk

First Consideration: 5-18-26
Second Consideration: 6-8-26
Third Consideration: Waived

Council Communication

Department: Legal

Case/Project No.:

Subject/Title

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Ordinance to amend Chapter 4.20 Animal Control by enacting a new Section 4.20.031 to be entitled "Restrictions on Pet Ownership"

Background/Discussion

This ordinance is intended to prevent repeat animal abuse, hold individuals accountable, and help keep our community safe by prohibiting individuals convicted of certain animal-cruelty offenses from owning or possessing cats or dogs within the City of Council Bluffs. By establishing clear local restrictions, the ordinance gives the City an additional tool to protect animals from further abuse or neglect and to reduce the likelihood that individuals with a history of animal cruelty are placed back in a position to harm animals again.

This ordinance would also allow the Council Bluffs Police Department to take a more proactive approach when issuing pet licenses by helping ensure licenses are not issued to individuals who would be disqualified under the ordinance. Aggressive dogs are a continuing concern in the community, and individuals convicted of offenses such as dog fighting, or those who train dogs to be aggressive, contribute to that public safety concern. This ordinance supports responsible pet ownership, protects animals, and promotes a safer community for residents, families, and neighborhoods.

Staff Recommendation

Councilman Button recommends approval.

Attachments

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Approved by:

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