

SEC. 7-1-22 LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DOGS.

- (a) **Purpose.** The keeping of a large number of dogs within the City for a considerable period of time detracts from and, in many instances, is detrimental to, healthful and comfortable life in such areas. The keeping of a large number of dogs is, therefore, declared a public nuisance.
- (b) **Definitions.**
 - (1) Dog. A dog means any canine, regardless of age or sex.
 - (2) Residential Lot. A residential lot means a parcel of land zoned as residential, occupied or to be occupied by a dwelling, platted or unplatted, and under common ownership. For the purpose of this Section, any vacant parcel or parcels adjoining a dwelling and under the same ownership shall constitute one (1) lot.
- (c) **Number Limited.**
 - (1) No family shall own, harbor or keep in its possession more than three (3) dogs on any residentially zoned lot without the prior approval of the Common Council except that a litter of pups or a portion of a litter may be kept for not more than eight (8) weeks from birth. If more than one (1) family resides on a residential lot, then only a total of three (3) dogs shall be allowed on the residential lot unless the prior approval is obtained from the Common Council. For the purposes of this Section, the term “family” shall be defined as one (1) or more persons. Persons may keep more than three (3) dogs only if they have first received a kennel license and a conditional use permit pursuant to the City Zoning Code.
 - (2) The above requirement may be waived with the approval of the Common Council or when a kennel license has been issued by the City. Such application for waiver shall first be made to the City Clerk-Treasurer who shall forward the request with his approval or objection to the Police Department. After review, these officials shall make a recommendation to the Common Council prior to Council action on the matter.