

1 **PROPOSED FIRST AMENDMENT**

2 **BILL NO. 2022-28**

3 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF LVMC TITLE 7 TO INCREASE FROM
5 FOUR TO SIX THE NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS THAT CAN BE KEPT AT A PARTICULAR PLACE
6 OR RESIDENCE WITHOUT A SPECIFIC PERMIT TO DO SO; MAKE CORRESPONDING
7 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS TO WHICH DOG FANCIER, CAT
8 FANCIER AND PET FANCIER PERMITS APPLY; AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED
9 MATTERS.

10 Sponsored by: Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

Summary: Amends various provisions of LVMC
Title 7 to increase from four to six the number of
dogs or cats that can be kept at a particular place
or residence without a specific permit to do so, and
makes corresponding adjustments to the number
of dogs and cats to which dog fancier, cat fancier
and pet fancier permits apply.

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12 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
13 FOLLOWS:

14 SECTION 1: Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 140, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las
15 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **7.04.140:** “Cat fancier” means any person owning, keeping or possessing on his or her property,
17 provided such person has safe, adequate cages in a completely enclosed building on the property, at one
18 location, up to [six] eight adult cats for the purpose of showing, in recognized cat shows, or for improving
19 the variety of breed in temperament or conformation with a view to exhibiting in shows or feline events and
20 must be entered in at least one cat show each calendar year. [; said] Such cats shall be registered with at least
21 one association recognized by the Animal Regulation Officer or, if spayed and neutered, need not be so
22 registered or shown.

23 SECTION 2: Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 230, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las
24 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 **7.04.230:** “Dog fancier” means any person owning, keeping, or possessing on his or her property,
26 provided such person has safe, adequate cages in a completely enclosed building on the property, at one

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1 location, up to [six] eight adult dogs for the purpose of showing in recognized dog shows, field trials or
2 obedience trials, for working and hunting, or for improving the variety of breed in temperament or
3 confirmation with a view to exhibition in shows or trials or for use as working dogs in hunting. [; said] Such
4 dogs shall be registered with at least one association recognized by the Animal Regulation Officer, and must
5 be entered in at least one dog show per calendar year or, if spayed and neutered, need not be so registered or
6 shown.

7 SECTION 3: Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 345, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las
8 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **7.04.345:** "Pet fancier" means any person owning, keeping or possessing on his or her property, up
10 to [six] eight spayed or neutered dogs over one year of age or twelve spayed or neutered cats over eight
11 months of age, or combination thereof.

12 SECTION 4: Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 140, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las
13 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 **7.08.140:** Except as otherwise provided in Section 7.08.150, no person shall keep more than [four]
15 six dogs over three months of age, at any place, on any premises, or in any one residence, located within the
16 City.

17 SECTION 5: Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 150, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las
18 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 **7.08.150:** A dog fancier may keep and maintain on his or her property a maximum of [six] eight adult
20 dogs, provided that such person has first obtained from the Animal Regulation Officer a dog fancier's permit
21 for said dogs and has paid the annual fee in the amount of fifty dollars, which cost shall include inspection.
22 Any such permit, if granted, shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Animal
23 Regulation Officer or the County Health Officer, to prevent the keeping of the dogs from becoming a
24 nuisance. Any person who meets the provisions of this Section and has in his or her possession, with respect
25 to said dogs, a valid dog fancier's permit, as described herein, need not have the property where the dogs are
26 maintained rezoned in order to be allowed to keep and maintain such dogs thereon.

SECTION 6: Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 160, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.08.160: Except as otherwise provided in Section 7.08.170, no person shall keep more than [four] six cats over four months of age, at any place, or on any premises, or in any one residence, located within the City.

SECTION 7: Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 170, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.08.170: A cat fancier may keep and maintain on his or her property a maximum of [six] eight adult cats, provided such person has first obtained from the Animal Regulation Officer a cat fancier's permit for said cats and has paid the annual fee in the amount of fifty dollars, which cost shall include inspection. If granted, such permit shall be on such conditions as may be deemed necessary or advisable and as prescribed by the Health Officer to prevent the keeping of any and all such cats from becoming a nuisance. All cat fanciers meeting the provisions of this Section and having a cat fancier's permit as described herein need not have the property where the cats are so maintained.

SECTION 8: Ordinance No. 6816 and Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 180, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, are hereby amended so that Section 7.08.180 reads as follows:

7.08.180: A pet fancier may own, keep or possess on his or her property not more than [six] eight spayed or neutered dogs over one year of age or twelve spayed or neutered cats over eight months of age, or any combination thereof if the number of dogs does not exceed [six] eight and the combined number of animals does not exceed twelve, provided that the pet fancier has obtained from the Animal Regulation Officer a pet fancier's permit. The pet fancier shall obtain a pet fancier's permit from the Animal Regulation Officer each and every twelve-month period. The Animal Regulation Officer shall issue the pet fancier's permit only after inspecting the applicant's property and determining that the dogs or cats, or both, will be safely confined in a completely enclosed building, residence or enclosed lot and do not pose a nuisance to the public. As a part of the application process, the Animal Protection Services Officer shall notify all

1 property owners contiguous to the applicant's property that the applicant has applied for a pet fancier's
2 permit. The cost of the inspection and permit shall be fifty dollars. A pet fancier who has obtained a pet
3 fancier's permit need not have his or her property rezoned for the purpose of owning, keeping or possessing
4 such pets.

5 SECTION 9: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
6 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by
7 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the
8 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby
9 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
10 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,
11 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

12 SECTION 10: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to
13 be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is required
14 or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, the doing of
15 such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon
16 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of
17 not more than six months, or by any combination of such fine and imprisonment. Any day of any violation
18 of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

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SECTION 11: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases, sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Val Steed, Deputy City Attorney	Date
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1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the ____ day
2 of _____, 2022, and referred to a committee for recommendation, the committee being
3 composed of the following members _____;
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the ____ day of
5 _____, 2023, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council as
7 amended and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": _____

9 VOTING "NAY": _____

10 ABSENT: _____

11 APPROVED:

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13 By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

14 ATTEST:

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16 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

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