

BILL NO. 2022-28

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 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; MAKE CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE NUMBER OF DOGS AND CATS TO WHICH DOG FANCIER, CAT FANCIER AND PET FANCIER PERMITS APPLY; AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

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.

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

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

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

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

7.04.230: “Dog fancier” means any person owning, keeping, or possessing on his property, provided such person has safe, adequate cages in a completely enclosed building on the property, at one location, up to [six] eight adult dogs for the purpose of showing in recognized dog shows, field trials or obedience trials, for working and hunting, or for improving the variety of breed in temperament or confirmation with a view

1 to exhibition in shows or trials or for use as working dogs in hunting. [; said] Such dogs shall be registered
2 with at least one association recognized by the Animal Regulation Officer, and must be entered in at least
3 one dog show per calendar year or, if spayed and neutered, need not be so registered or shown.

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

6 **7.04.345:** “Pet fancier” means any person owning, keeping or possessing on his or her property, up
7 to [six] eight spayed or neutered dogs over one year of age or twelve spayed or neutered cats over eight
8 months of age, or combination thereof.

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

11 **7.08.140:** Except as otherwise provided in Section 7.08.150, no person shall keep more than [four]
12 six dogs over three months of age, at any place, on any premises, or in any one residence, located within the
13 City.

14 SECTION 5: Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 160, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las
15 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **7.08.160:** Except as otherwise provided in Section 7.08.170, no person shall keep more than [four]
17 six cats over four months of age, at any place, or on any premises, or in any one residence, located within the
18 City.

19 SECTION 6: Ordinance No. 6816 and Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 180, of the Municipal
20 Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, are hereby amended so that Section 7.08.180 reads as
21 follows:

22 **7.08.180:** A pet fancier may own, keep or possess on his or her property not more than [six] eight
23 spayed or neutered dogs over one year of age or twelve spayed or neutered cats over eight months of age, or
24 any combination thereof if the number of dogs does not exceed [six] eight and the combined number of
25 animals does not exceed twelve, provided that the pet fancier has obtained from the Animal Regulation
26 Officer a pet fancier’s permit. The pet fancier shall obtain a pet fancier’s permit from the Animal Regulation

1 Officer each and every twelve-month period. The Animal Regulation Officer shall issue the pet fancier's
2 permit only after inspecting the applicant's property and determining that the dogs or cats, or both, will be
3 safely confined in a completely enclosed building, residence or enclosed lot and do not pose a nuisance to
4 the public. As a part of the application process, the Animal Protection Services Officer shall notify all
5 property owners contiguous to the applicant's property that the applicant has applied for a pet fancier's
6 permit. The cost of the inspection and permit shall be fifty dollars. A pet fancier who has obtained a pet
7 fancier's permit need not have his or her property rezoned for the purpose of owning, keeping or possessing
8 such pets.

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

16 SECTION 8: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to
17 be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is required
18 or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, the doing of
19 such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon
20 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of
21 not more than six months, or by any combination of such fine and imprisonment. Any day of any violation
22 of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

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1 SECTION 9: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
2 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983
3 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

5 APPROVED:

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7 By _____
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

8 ATTEST:

9 _____
10 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

12 Val Steed
13 Val Steed,
Deputy City Attorney

11-15-22
Date

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 _____, 2022, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council as first
7 introduced 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:
15 _____
16 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk