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When: Dec 19, 2024 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Ordinance Committee Meeting

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1. Agenda

- 1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda**
- 2. Adopt Draft Minutes**
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Subject	2.1. Adopt Draft Minutes from 11/19
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Recommended Action

3. Public Forum

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3.1. Verbal Comments

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5. Any Other Committee Business

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6. Adjournment

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6.1. Motion to adjourn

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Department

Council and Board

Type

Recommended Action

**Ordinance Committee
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Bushor Conference Room
City Hall or Remote via Zoom. Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Councilor Shannon (Chair), Councilor Bergman, Councilor Brown McKnight

Staff Present: Kim Sturtevant (Assistant City Attorney)

Public Present: Lori Kettler, Shannon Reilly, Mary Mefaun, Dana Dean, Kristie Adams

Meeting called to order at 11:10 AM.

1. Adopt the Agenda

1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt the Draft Agenda with the amendment that public forum and discussion will take place during and after councilor discussion of the Dog Task Force recommendations.

Motion by Councilor Bergman, Seconded by Councilor Brown McKnight

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Adopt Draft Minutes

2.1 Adopt Draft Minutes from November 5.

Motion to adopt the draft minutes from November 5.

Motion by Councilor Bergman, Seconded by Councilor Brown McKnight

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum

Public forum to take place during the councilor discussion of the Dog Task Force recommendations.

4. Dog Task Force Report Review

Attorney Sturtevant presented the draft changes from the City Attorney's Office based off of Committee recommendations. These draft changes are available in the agenda packet.

Councilor Shannon asked for BPD to confirm if there is an existing system for receiving reports of dog bites and if the system needs to be changed in ordinance.

Councilor Brown McKnight asked the Attorney's Office to look into how the language of Section 5-4(a)(2) can be changed to clarify how animal bites on the owner's premises should be classified.

Councilor Bergman said the public hearing meetings in January should focus on the new regulations related to cats rather than discuss all of the small changes.

Councilor Shannon agreed and said she would prefer to address "exotic" animal ordinance changes at a later time if the Council thinks it is a good idea.

Councilor Bergman said the draft change in Section 5-13 of "domestic pet" to "companion animal" should be reversed for clarity unless there is a good reason to make the change. He added that he was fine changing the definition of "dangerous dog" to remove the requirement of receiving medical attention.

Councilor Shannon asked the Attorney's Office for historical data for dog licensing and revenue associated with it.

5. Any Other Committee Business

The Committee intends to host two public hearings in January. Potential dates include January 9th and 23rd. The meetings will be warned.

6. Adjournment

Without objection, Councilor Shannon adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Four

ORDINANCE _____

Sponsor: _____
Public Hearing Dates: _____

First reading: _____

Referred to: _____

Rules suspended and placed in all

Stages of passage: _____

Second reading: _____

Action: _____

Date: _____

Signed by Mayor: _____

Published: _____

Effective: _____

An Ordinance in Relation to

ANIMALS

BCO Chapter 5, Arts. I-III and Sec. 22-13

It is hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

That Chapter 5, Animals and Fowl, and Chapter 22, Parks, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington be and is hereby amended by amending Article I, In General; II, Dogs; Article III, Enforcement and Impoundment; Section 22-13, Animals Prohibited, Exceptions; to read as follows:

Chapter 5 ANIMALS AND FOWL¹

Article I. In General

5-1 ~~Pound established~~ Animal shelter provided.

~~There shall be established by the city council a pound for the impounding of all beasts liable to be impounded. The poundkeeper or their designee shall designate an animal shelter or other facility for all domestic and exotic animals they determine to be in need pursuant to Section 5-25 below.~~

5-2 Appointment of poundkeeper; ~~compensation.~~

It shall be the duty of the mayor to appoint ~~such a poundkeeper pursuant to 122 of the charter who may also be an animal control office. That person shall facilitate and oversee placement of animals at large or otherwise required to be impounded pursuant to this chapter. poundkeepers as may be required to take care of and keep such pound as may be established. Their compensation shall be the same as provided by the laws of this state for poundkeepers in towns.~~

20 | 5-3 Animal bites.

21 It shall be the duty of every person bitten, or ~~his or her~~their parent or guardian, and the attending physicians
22 to report to the animal control officer, who shall report to the city health officer, within twenty-four (24)
23 hours, if feasible, the name, address and telephone number of the owner or keeper of the animal ~~who~~which
24 bit the person and the complete circumstances, to the extent known.

25 5-4 Nuisance animals.

26 (a) No owner, keeper or other person having control shall permit an animal to be a nuisance animal. For the
27 purposes of this section, nuisance animal means any animal or animals wh~~o~~ich:

28 (1) ~~Molests~~Attacks or harasses passersby or passing vehicles, or otherwise creates a public safety
29 hazard;

30 (2) Attacks other animals off the owner's premises;

31 (3) Damages property other than that of ~~its~~their owner;

32 (4) Defecates off the premises of the animal's owner, and the owner, or other individual in control of
33 the animal, fails to remove such deposit immediately;

34 (5) Dog or cat at large as defined by Section 5-15 below; or

35 ~~(56)~~ Barks, whines, howls, cries, or makes a noise commonly made by such animals in an excessive
36 and continuous fashion so as to disturb the peace and quiet of any other person.

37 (b) Any dog or cat determined to be a nuisance animal by an animal control officer shall be impounded if the
38 owner, or owner's agent, is not present and cannot be located immediately.

39 | 5-5 Exotic animals.

40 (a) *Purpose and findings:* The purpose of this section is to enhance the public safety of persons who are
41 present on the district known as the Church Street Marketplace (the Marketplace) and in the city's parks by
42 regulating the presence of "exotic" animals on the Marketplace and in the city's parks. The council finds that
43 such pets can pose a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare if present on the Marketplace and in city
44 parks. Such pets are unlicensed and are not typically leashed, as is required of domestic dogs.

45 (b) *Definitions:* "Exotic pet" means all animals except domestic dogs, domestic cats and the European
46 ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*).

47 (c) *General prohibition:* No person shall have an exotic pet or permit their exotic pet to be on or about the
48 Marketplace or within a city park unless expressly approved by the Marketplace Director or Parks
49 Department respectively or exempted under the terms of this section.

50 (d) *Exemptions:* A person may have or permit an exotic pet to be on or about the Marketplace or within a
51 city park when done to transport the pet directly from a pet store in the vicinity of the Marketplace or city
52 park after purchase of such pet or to return such pet to said pet store. The person must retain a receipt for the
53 purchase of such pet and shall display the receipt upon demand from any animal control officer, law
54 enforcement officer, or other person duly authorized to enforce animal control ordinances.

55 | **5-6 Use of non-domesticated animals for public display prohibited.**

56 (a) *Purpose.* This section is intended to assist in the prevention of the mistreatment of non-domesticated
57 animals used in any public display, to reduce risk of harm to the public from accidents and incidents
58 involving such animals, and to reduce the public health risk associated with diseases and pathogens carried
59 by such animals.

60 (b) *Definitions.*

61 (1) *Non-domesticated animals* are defined as *Felidae* (all wild cats and hybrids thereof), *Ursidae* (all
62 bears), *Proboscideae* (all elephants), and Non-human Primates and *Prosimians*.

63 (2) *Public display* shall mean the exhibition, presentation or showing of live non-domesticated
64 animals to the general public regardless of whether for profit, on a not for profit basis or without
65 charge.

66 (c) *Prohibition.* The public display of live non-domesticated animals within the corporate limits of the city
67 is prohibited.

68 | **5-7—5-12 Reserved.**

69 **ARTICLE II. DOGS AND CATS¹**

70 | **5-13 Definitions.**

71 The following definitions shall apply to this article:

72 "At-large" shall mean not under the control of the owner, a member of the owner's immediate family, or the
73 owner's agent or another individual either by leash, ~~cord, chain~~ or other similar means of physical restraint.

74 "Cat" shall include both male and female of the feline species.

~~"Dangerous dog" shall mean a dog that attacks or bites a person or other domestic pet while the dog is off the premises of the owner or keeper, and the person or domestic pet attacked or bitten. Dangerous dog complaints shall be investigated pursuant to section 5-27(b).~~

"Dog" shall include both male and female of the canine species. Dog shall also mean any animal which is considered to be a wolf-hybrid as defined in [20](#) V.S.A. § [3541](#)(6).

"Enforcement official" when used herein shall mean any animal control officer, police officer, poundkeeper, urban park ranger or other individual specifically designated by the city council to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

"Owner" shall include any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog or cat.

~~"Vicious dog" shall mean a dog which attacks or bites a person or other domestic pet while the dog is off the premises of the owner or keeper, and the person or pet attacked or bitten requires medical attention. Vicious dog complaints shall be investigated pursuant to section 5-27(b).~~

5-14 Identification required.

Identification that includes the name and contact information for the owner of the dog or cat shall be securely attached to a collar or harness and worn at all times.

5-14~~5~~ At-large prohibited.

(a) *Prohibition.* Except as exempted below, no person shall permit a dog or cat for whom they are the owner~~owned by him or her~~ or who is under ~~their~~his or her control to be at-large as defined in section [5-13](#) or to trespass upon the property of another, public or private.

(b) *Public Safety.* Should an at-large dog or cat be deemed to pose an imminent public safety risk, said animal may be killed by the Police Department or their designee. Such an act shall occur where other reasonable means to control the animal have been unsuccessful or deemed not practicable under the circumstances.

(c) *Exemptions.* A dog or cat ~~may be~~is not at-large if ~~it is~~they are:

(1) On the premises of the dog's or cat's owner;

(2) On the premises of the person under whose control the dog or cat is under; or

(3) On the premises of another person as long as that person has given permission for the dog or cat to be at-large;

(4) A dog is not at-large if they are in a designated off-leash dog area managed and regulated by the board of parks and recreation commissioners.

5-156 License and rabies vaccination required.

(a) *Licensing.* Every owner or keeper of a dog or cat more than six (6) months old who has resided in the city for more than 90 days, shall be required to ~~annually~~ register and license the animal, in the manner prescribed by the city, with the city clerk's office and to do so annually provided that no owner shall be required to register a dog or cat more than once in any calendar year. The license shall expire on the first day of April next after its issuance. Upon issuance of such license and payment of the license fee as required in section 5-16 of this chapter, each ~~dog~~ owner shall receive a ~~dog~~ license tag.

(b) *Rabies vaccination.* Proof of a current rabies vaccination, as required by state law, shall be required for the licensing of any animal.

(c) *Fixture of tag.* The ~~dog~~ license tag issued to any person as provided herein shall be securely attached to a collar or harness on such licensed dog or cat and worn at all times.

5-167 License fees.

(a) In addition to the license fee and any penalty fee required by state law, the municipal fee for each license required by this article shall be ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each neutered/spayed dog and forty dollars (\$40.00) for each non-neutered/non-spayed dog recommended by the clerk's office and approved by the city council, provided that the fee for an intact dog or cat shall be greater than that for a neutered or spayed dog or cat.~~ The fees established under this section shall be reviewed not less than every five years.

(b) The municipal fees collected under this section shall be used for education and other services pertinent to the improved welfare of dogs and cats who reside in the city.

~~(b)~~ (c) The owner or keeper of a neutered/spayed dog that serves as the person's service animal under the Americans with Disabilities Act may request waiver of the municipal license fee (but not the state fee) by providing to the city clerk's office adequate responses to the following questions in writing:

- Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
- What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

5-178 Removal of dog waste required.

The owner, keeper or person in control of any dog or cat shall be responsible for the removal of any defecation deposited by such dog or cat on any public or private property.

133 | 5-189—5-23 Reserved.

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ARTICLE III. ENFORCEMENT AND IMPOUNDMENT

136 | 5-24 Penalties.

137 An offense of any provision of this chapter by any person shall be deemed a civil ordinance violation and
138 shall be punishable by the following penalties:

139 (1) *First offense.* A first offense of any provision of this chapter in any twelve-month period shall be
140 punishable by a fine of no less than ~~onetwo~~ hundred dollars (\$~~2~~100.00) and no more than ~~onetwo~~
141 hundred fifty dollars (\$~~1~~250.00). The waiver fine shall be ~~twoone~~ hundred dollars (\$~~1~~200.00).

142 (2) *Second offense.* A second offense of any provision of this chapter in any twelve-month period
143 shall be punishable by a fine of no less than ~~onetwo~~ hundred fifty dollars (\$~~1~~250.00) and no more than
144 ~~threewe~~ hundred fifty dollars (\$~~2~~350.00). The waiver fine shall be ~~twoone~~ hundred fifty dollars
145 (\$~~1~~250.00).

146 (3) *Third and subsequent offenses.* A third or subsequent offense of any provision of this chapter in
147 any twelve-month period shall be punishable by a fine of no less than ~~threewe~~ hundred fifty dollars
148 (\$~~2~~350.00) and no more than ~~fivesix~~ hundred dollars (\$~~5~~600.00). The waiver fine shall be ~~threewe~~
149 hundred fifty dollars (\$~~2~~350.00).

150 In addition to the penalties provided in this section:

151 (1) Any person found in violation of this chapter may be subject to a restorative justice process with
152 the Burlington Community Justice Center at the discretion of the animal control committee.

153 (2) aAny animal found in violation of this chapter may be impounded as provided in section 5-25 of
154 this chapter.

155 | 5-25 Impoundment.

156 (a) *Authority to impound.* ~~Dogs~~Any animal in violation of any provision of this chapter or suspected of
157 being diseased or injured may be taken by the enforcement officer and impounded in the city animal
158 shelter and there confined in a humane manner, except that any animal suspected of being a stray shall
159 be impounded. ~~The enforcement officer may, in lieu of boarding and when in the public interest and~~
160 ~~consistent with the public safety, allow an impounded dog to remain confined in the custody of its owner on~~
161 ~~the owner's recognizance that the dog shall remain confined to the owner's property, follow the terms of~~
162 ~~impoundment set by the enforcement officer and shall not be in violation of any provision of this chapter.~~
163 ~~Confinement in lieu of boarding shall continue until such time as the violation or condition authorizing~~
164 ~~impoundment has been abated.~~

- 165 (b) *Impoundment fees.* Any ~~dog~~animal impounded under the provisions of this chapter shall be released
166 only on payment of a ~~one hundredseventy-five~~ dollars (~~\$75~~100.00) impoundment fee.
- 167 (c) *Boarding fee.* In addition to the impoundment fee charged herein there shall be an additional charge of
168 ~~ten dollars (\$10.00) per day~~actual expenses for board for ~~each day~~ the period that the animal~~dog~~ is
169 impounded, ~~except that if an animal is claimed up to three (3) hours after impoundment, the owner will be~~
170 ~~responsible for one half (1/2) day's boarding fee. If an animal is claimed within two (2) hours of opening~~
171 ~~business hours on the following business day, the owner will not be charged for that day's boarding fee.~~
- 172 (d) *City clerk to collect fees before releasing* animal~~dog~~. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to collect all
173 impound and boarding fees before releasing an animal~~dog~~.
- 174 (e) *Unlicensed dogs* and cats *to be licensed before release.* If an impounded dog or cat is unlicensed, in
175 addition to the impoundment and boarding fees set forth herein, the dog or cat shall not be released
176 without the payment of the license fee required by section 5-17, except that if the impounded dog or cat has
177 not had its proper vaccinations to be registered a ~~one hundredforty-five~~ dollar (~~\$100~~45.00) cash deposit shall
178 be posted with the city clerk or ~~their~~his or her designated agent(s) until proof of registration is presented. A
179 dog or cat released under cash deposit shall be registered within two (2) working days after ~~its~~ release. If the
180 dog or cat is not registered within the time period set forth herein, the cash deposit shall be forfeited and the
181 owner of the animal shall be subject to additional penalties under the provisions of 20 V.S.A. Chapter 193
- 182 (f) *Disposition of unredeemed* ~~dogs~~animals. If any impounded animal~~dog~~ ~~with a current and effective~~
183 ~~license established by proof of a dog license tag,~~ is not redeemed within (7) days of ~~its~~ impoundment, ~~it~~the
184 animal shall be ~~sold or given away~~offered for adoption at the city animal shelter or transferred to a
185 cooperating animal shelter as defined in 20 V.S.A. §3901. ~~If any impounded dog without a current and~~
186 ~~effective license established by proof of a dog license tag, is not redeemed within (5) days of its~~
187 ~~impoundment, it shall be sold or given away. Any proceeds from the sale of any impounded dog shall first be~~
188 ~~allocated to taxes, fees and other charges related to the impoundment. Any balance then remaining shall be~~
189 ~~paid to the owner if any is found. If proceeds from the sale of the unredeemed dog do not cover the costs~~
190 ~~associated with the impoundment, the balance of sums owed under this chapter may be collected in a civil~~
191 ~~action brought under this section.~~ If any unredeemed animal~~dog~~ is not ~~sold or given away~~adopted because of
192 disease, temperament or other cause, it shall be euthanized~~destroyed in a humane way~~. The impoundment
193 period may be waived by the ~~poundkeeper~~director of the animal shelter in the case of a severely injured
194 animal whose owner cannot be located or is unwilling to claim the animal.
- 195 (g) *Interference with impoundment.* Any person who interferes with the impounding of an animal~~dog~~ under
196 provisions of this article or releases, or who attempts to release, an impounded animal~~dog~~ contrary to this
197 article shall be in violation of this chapter.
- 198 (h) *Notice of impoundment.* Within twenty-four (24) hours of the impoundment of any animal~~dog~~ under
199 this chapter, the enforcement officer shall make every reasonable attempt to notify the owner of the
200 impounded animal~~dog~~ of such impoundment. Such notice shall include either personal contact with the
201 owner or a written notice posted at the dwelling house of the owner.

202 | 5-26 Cruelty.

203 Any person who shall torture, torment or cruelly neglect to provide with necessary sustenance or shelter, or
204 shall cruelly beat or needlessly mutilate or illegally kill any animal, or any person who shall cause any
205 animal to be tortured, tormented, or fight with other animals, or deprived of necessary sustenance or to be
206 cruelly beaten or needlessly mutilated or illegally killed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor offense and shall
207 be punishable by a fine of from ~~onethree~~ hundred dollars (\$~~13~~00.00) to ~~sixfive~~ hundred dollars (\$~~56~~00.00).

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209 | 5-27 Animal control committee.

210 (a) *Animal control committee established.* For purposes of this section, an animal control committee is
211 established. The animal control committee will be a subcommittee of the Burlington Police Commission and
212 shall consist of three (3) commission members, one (1) licensed veterinarian, and (1) certified animal
213 behavior professional to be appointed on an as needed basis by the chair of the Burlington Police
214 Commission. The designated animal control officer shall be the prosecuting officer for any violation brought
215 before the committee.

216 (b) ~~Vicious~~*Dangerous* dogs. Upon written complaint by a city resident that a dog is alleged to be
217 ~~dangerous~~*vicious* as defined in section 5-13(e), the animal control committee may hold a hearing on the facts
218 of the complaint and, if the dog is found to be ~~dangerous~~*vicious*, make such order as necessary to protect the
219 public. Such order may include, but is not limited to, any of the following: confinement in a secure enclosure
220 or other similar restriction, muzzling adoption, or ~~euthanasia~~*destruction in a humane manner*. In addition, the
221 animal control committee may revoke the privilege of any owner to keep, harbor or have custody of any
222 animals while in the city and that no new privileges be granted.

223 (c) *Repeated impoundment.* In the event that any dog shall be impounded three (3) or more times in a
224 twelve-month period, the animal control committee may, at the request of an enforcement officer, or in their
225 discretion, hold a hearing after which they may make such order as is necessary to protect the public. Such
226 order may include, but is not limited to, any of the following: confinement in a secure enclosure or other
227 similar restriction, muzzling adoption, or ~~euthanized~~*destruction in a humane manner*. In addition, the animal
228 control committee may revoke the privilege of any owner to keep, harbor or have custody of any animals
229 while in the city and that no new privileges be granted.

230 (d) *Penalty for violation of orders.* Any person who violates any provision of any order of the animal
231 control committee shall be guilty of a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine of from
232 ~~threeone~~ hundred dollars (\$~~13~~00.00) to ~~sixfive~~ hundred dollars (\$~~65~~00.00).

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234 | **5-28 Confinement of animals in vehicles.**

235 (a) A person shall not leave an animal unattended in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that
236 would endanger the health or safety of the animal.

237 (b) Any humane animal control officer, law enforcement officer, or member of a fire and rescue service
238 may use reasonable force to remove any such animal from a motor vehicle. ~~The officer so removing an~~
239 ~~animal shall deliver the animal to a humane society, veterinarian or town or municipal pound. If the owner of~~
240 ~~the animal cannot be found, the officer shall place a written notice in the vehicle, bearing the name of the~~
241 ~~officer and the department and address where the animal may be claimed. The owner shall be liable for~~
242 ~~reasonable expenses associated with the removal, delivery, boarding and disposition of the animal and a lien~~
243 ~~may be placed on the animal for these expenses.~~ The officer may not be held liable for subject to criminal or
244 civil liability for any damage resulting from actions taken under subsection (a) of this section. If the
245 aforementioned officers are unavailable, a person who forcibly enters a motor vehicle for actions taken under
246 subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to criminal or civil liability for damage resulting from the
247 forcible entry if the person: (1) determines the motor vehicle is locked or there is otherwise no reasonable
248 method for the animal to exit the vehicle; (2) reasonably and in good faith believes that forcible entry into the
249 motor vehicle is necessary because the animal is in imminent danger of harm; (3) notifies a humane officer,
250 law enforcement officer, or member of a fire and rescue service prior to forcibly entering the vehicle; (4)
251 remains with the animal in a safe location reasonably close to the motor vehicle until a humane officer, law
252 enforcement officer, or member of a fire and rescue service arrives; (5) places a notice on the vehicle that the
253 authorities have been notified and specifying the location of the animal; and (6) uses no more force to enter
254 the vehicle and remove the animal than necessary under the circumstances. An officer shall deliver the
255 animal to a humane society, veterinarian or the city animal shelter. If the owner of the animal cannot be
256 found, the officer shall place a written notice in the vehicle, bearing the name of the officer and address
257 where the animal may be claimed. The owner shall be liable for reasonable expenses associated with the
258 removal, delivery, boarding and disposition of the animal and a lien may be placed on the animal for these
259 expenses.

260 (c) A violation of this section shall be a civil violation subject to the penalties imposed by Section [5-24](#).

261 **5-29 Abandonment of injured animal**

262 (a) A person shall not leave the scene of an accident in which such person has reason to believe that they
263 have caused the injury or death of a domestic animal. Such person shall immediately contact an enforcement
264 officer, and make a reasonable effort to immediately contact the owner of the animal. If the animal is injured
265 wildlife, the person shall contact a humane officer or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for assistance.

266 (b) A violation of this section shall be a civil violation subject to the penalties imposed by Section 5-24.

267 | 22-13 Animals prohibited; exception.

268 No domestic animals, except dogs and cats, shall be permitted in any park. Dogs shall be leashed or
269 controlled by other similar means of physical restraint at all times, except in off-leash areas designated in the
270 Off-Leash Dog Policy. Cats shall be leashed or confined in a carrier at all times.

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UPDATED: 10 Year Data on Dog Licenses in Burlington

Calendar Year	# Dogs Licensed	License Fees Collected
2024 (through to 12/18)	854	\$26,915
2023	905	\$29,096
2022	782	\$26,889
2021	834	\$25,336
2020	799	\$23,941
2019	928	\$28,771
2018	937	\$29,134
2017	1,064	\$30,933
2016	1,134	\$33,121
2015	1,165	\$32,558

Current License fees for dogs are:

- \$27 for spayed/ neutered
- \$47 for non-spayed/neutered
- Additional \$2 late fee for registrations after April 1st

*This shows TOTAL licensing fees collected, not just the municipal portion, so there is a portion of this revenue that we are required to give to the state (currently \$5/ license issued).