



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda item**

**Committee:** Public Safety, Health and Operations  
**Item:** Ordinance amending laws relating to multiple dog permits  
**Date:** May 18, 2023  
**Sponsor(s):** Holli Hargrove, Animal Control and Shannon Therriault, Environmental Health  
**Prepared by:** Shannon Therriault  
**Ward(s) Affected:**  
 Ward 1                       Ward 4  
 Ward 2                       Ward 5  
 Ward 3                       Ward 6  
 All Wards                       N/A

**Action Required:**  
Consider ordinance

**Timeline and Recommended Motions:**  
Committee discussion: May 24, 2023  
Council sets public hearing: June 5, 2023  
Recommended motion: [First reading and preliminary adoption] Set a public hearing on June 26, 2023, and preliminarily adopt an ordinance of the Missoula City Council amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.07 entitled "Dogs" Sections 6.07.720 and 6.07.730 revising laws relating to the issuance of a multiple dog permit.  
Public Hearing: June 26, 2023  
Final Consideration: July 10, 2023  
Recommended motion: [Second and final reading] (Adopt/Deny) an ordinance of the Missoula City Council amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.07 entitled "Dogs" Sections 6.07.720 and 6.07.730 revising laws relating to the issuance of a multiple dog permit  
Deadline: N/A

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**  
Animal Control is bringing proposed municipal code changes to the city council regarding multiple dog permits. These changes have been reviewed by the city attorney's office and have been discussed with the Animal Control Board. The Board recommended this proposal for the city council to consider.

Basically, the new language would:  
1. Require applicants to pay an application fee up front, instead of waiting until after approval to collect fees.  
2. Give the Animal Control Board the ability to approve applications for people who have had complaints lodged against them in the last two years, but have taken steps to correct the problems. Right now, the Board has no ability to approve a multiple dog permit if there has been an at large or barking complaint within the last two years, even if they owner has corrected the issues that led to the complaints.

3. Clarify that someone can appeal to the Animal Control Board if Animal Control revokes a multiple dog permit.

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**Links to external websites:**

N/A