

## **94-26 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.** As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

### **DOG**

Any canine, regardless of age or sex.

### **DWELLING UNIT**

A group of rooms constituting all or part of a dwelling which are arranged, designed, used or intended for use exclusively as living quarters for one family. **303-7** Definitions and word usage.

### **C. Number limited.**

- (1)** No family shall own, harbor or keep in its possession more than two dog per dwelling unit 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 weeks from birth. For the purposes of this section, the term "family" shall be defined as one or more persons. Persons may keep more than two dogs only if they have first received a kennel license and a conditional use permit pursuant to Chapter **303**, Zoning, of this Code.

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- (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 to the Police Department. After review, the Police Department shall make a recommendation to the Common Council prior to Council action on the matter.