

ROCHESTER



Minnesota

Office of the City Clerk

Sec. 3-2-1. - Statement of legislative purpose and intent.

Minn. Stats. § 157.175, subd. 1, states that a home rule charter city may adopt an ordinance to permit food and beverage service establishments to allow dogs to accompany persons patronizing designated outdoor areas of food and beverage establishments. State law provides for a permit process and minimum requirements to be followed if such an ordinance is adopted. The city common council adopts this chapter in furtherance of the authority provided by Minn. Stat. §157.175.

Sec. 3-2-3. - Designated outdoor dog areas authorized.

(a) A licensed food and liquor establishment shall be eligible to apply for an outdoor dog permit to allow dogs to accompany persons patronizing a designated outdoor dog area.

(b) An applicant seeking approval for a designated outdoor dog area shall provide the following required information on an application as required by the city clerk:

- (1) The name, location, and mailing address of the establishment;
- (2) The name, mailing address, and telephone contact information of the applicant;
- (3) A description of the designated outdoor area in which the applicant intends to allow dogs; and
- (4) A description of the days of the week and hours of operation that patrons' dogs will be permitted in the designated outdoor area.

(c) An outdoor dog permit is not transferable or assignable and expires automatically upon the sale of the establishment.

(d) The fee for an outdoor dog permit shall be set by resolution of the council.

(e) Any outdoor dog permit holder shall clearly print and post signs so they are conspicuous to employees and patrons stating:

- (1) Employees must be prohibited from touching, petting, or otherwise handling dogs; should any employee inadvertently touch or otherwise handle a dog, the employee shall promptly wash and clean his hands and exposed portions of his arms;
- (2) Employees and patrons must not allow dogs to come into contact with serving dishes, utensils, tableware, linens, paper products, or any other items involved in food service operations;
- (3) Patrons must keep their dogs on a leash at all times and must keep their dogs under reasonable control;
- (4) The establishment shall provide an adequate number of water dishes for the sole use of dogs;
- (5) Dogs must not be allowed on chairs, tables, or other furnishings;
- (6) Dog waste must be cleaned immediately and the area sanitized; and
- (7) Dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs shall not accompany patrons into the establishment.

(f) Penalties. Failure of any proprietor or person in charge to comply with the requirements in this section shall be grounds for denial, nonrenewal, revocation or suspension of the outdoor dog permit.