

**CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN
ANIMAL ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 WEST STATE STREET
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, 5:30 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Austin Gillis, Jodi Gillis, Karla Gould, Alicia Hunter, Dr. Grant Jacobson, Wendy Reisinger, Jim Shaw, Kiel Stevenson, Carol Webb. Absent: Gary Thompson.

BUSINESS

1. Continue Review of Dogs and Cats sections.
 - 90.020 Definitions
Serious Injury. Add any injury to a person "or domestic animal"...
Change references to companion to domestic animal.
 - 90.021 Rabies vaccination required – *add ferrets (required by State code).*
 - 90.022 Dog waste; removal – *no change*
 - 90.023 Animals at large
90.023(A) add requirement for microchip and spayed or neutered if unaltered.
90.023(D) check with legal if the animal can be forfeited during the 3rd incident if there have been 2 prior convictions.
Need to add an appeal process for Animal at Large.
 - 90.024 Animal Care – *no change*
 - 90.02X Trap-Neuter-Return Program
Add language to protect citizens from taking for homing a kitten as a domestic cat as colony care takers are not owners.
 - 90.025 City authorized to contract for care, disposition of domesticated animals in lieu of establishing pound
Remove "and for the disposal of dead dogs or cats."
 - 90.026 Apprehending and impounding – *no change*
 - 90.027 Police officer; duties – *no change*
 - 90.028 Notice to owner; redemption – *no change*
 - 90.029 Unclaimed or infected animals; disposition
90.029(C) add option to euthanize.
 - 90.030 Confinement of domesticated animals; releasing – *no change*
 - 90.031 Rabies control – *Dr. Jacobson will review further.*
 - 90.032 Interference with enforcement officer - *Include animal shelter staff.*
 - 90.033 Owner's liability for damage
 - 90.034 Domesticated animal causing disturbance or annoyance
Add language for continuous barking. Remove "or destruction of property."
 - 90.035 Kennels and breeding dogs - *Carol will research language to strengthen this section.*

Add new section for Irresponsible Owner.

Additional topics to discuss: pet licensing, limitations on the number of cats and dogs.

2. Next meeting: October 7th at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT 6:36 pm

Minutes prepared by: Alicia Hunter, City Clerk