

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager
DATE: March 17, 2025
SUBJECT: Humane pet store ordinance
ITEM NUMBER: 1.b
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

During the November 4, 2024 council meeting, two individuals spoke under citizen comments requesting that the city to adopt a humane pet store ordinance. The city council directed staff to bring this back to a future workshop for discussion.

DISCUSSION

Several cities in Minnesota have adopted a humane pet store ordinance with the most recent ones being Columbia Heights, Coon Rapids, and Maple Grove (attached). These ordinances regulate pet stores and prohibit them from selling cats or dogs. They are created based on research that shows a significant number of puppies and kittens sold at pet stores come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities where the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately provided for. There are no federal or state regulations that address this.

There are currently no pet stores in Shoreview.

RECOMMENDATION

The city council should discuss this and provide direction to staff on whether or not they would like staff to draft an ordinance for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

[Columbia Heights](#)
[Coon Rapids](#)
[Maple Grove](#)