



## Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	Stillwater Township Town Board	<b>Reference:</b>	Ordinances related to Dog Licenses
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**SUBJECT:** Ordinances related to Dog Licenses

**MEETING DATE:** August 11, 2022

### BACKGROUND

The Town Board has been discussing making revisions to the ordinances related to dog licenses. There are a number of ordinances adopted over the years that require dogs in the Township to have dog tags, ordinances that require private and commercial Kennels to receive a license, ordinances that require Kennels to get zoning permits, and ordinances that set standards for dangerous or stray animals.

Recently, the sentiment is that there is not a strong benefit or need to require every dog in the Township have a tag. At a recent Town Board meeting, the consensus was to no longer require tags for dogs in the Township, but to still require a license to have a Kennel.

Included with this memo is a draft ordinance that would primarily accomplish two things:

- Repeal old or outdated ordinances requiring dogs be tagged
- Consolidate previously approved requirements for Kennels into one ordinance

The draft ordinance included in the materials does not cover 'dangerous dogs', as that is already covered in Ordinances 136 and 193.

## **DRAFT ORDINANCE**

The meeting materials include a 'clean' draft of the ordinance, which is similar to the draft reviewed at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. The only change made from that draft was to remove the requirement for tagging dogs that are part of a private or commercial kennel. Below is a brief overview of the language within the draft ordinance.

### *Section 1*

Section 1 of the draft would repeal current township ordinances that require dogs to have a tag. Those ordinances are 52, 76, 118, 160, and 179. Language from those ordinances pertaining to Kennels and licensing of Kennels has been placed in Sections 2 and 3 of our new draft.

### *Section 2*

This section of the draft lists the terms used in our draft ordinance. These are pulled from Ordinance 52, which is what previous ordinances adopted by the Township have referred to. I have made some minor edits to this text, though further edits and changes desired by the Town Board can be made as well.

### *Section 3*

This section covers the requirements for Kennels within the Township. The language in the draft is pulled from the most recently adopted ordinance, #179. The current language in #179 requires tags for dogs in the Township, along with tags for dogs within Kennels. The language regarding tags was removed, based on discussions at previous Board meetings.

Ordinance #179 also lays out the application and approval process for a Kennel License, outlines performance standards / regulations, and includes the process for revoking of a Kennel License. If the Town Board wishes to revise these processes, this would be the time to do that.

### *Section 4*

This section notes that those wishing to have a Kennel must also adhere to applicable zoning ordinance requirements. Currently, the Township requires both a zoning permit for Kennels (both commercial and private), and then a license to be acquired.

## **OPTIONS**

The Town Board has the following options regarding this item:

1. Approve the ordinance, with or without revisions
2. Table the ordinance for further review/study

