

1 **BILL NO. 2023-23**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. 6850**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LMVC TITLE 7 TO ADD PROVISIONS GENERALLY REQUIRING  
4 THE MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE CITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER  
RELATED MATTERS.

5 Sponsored by: Councilman Cedric Crear

Summary: Amends LVMC Title 7 to add  
6 provisions generally requiring the microchipping  
of dogs and cats within the City.

7 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS  
8 FOLLOWS:

9 SECTION 1: Title 7 of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983  
10 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, designated as Chapter 7.15 and consisting of  
11 Sections 7.15.010 and 7.15.020, reading as follows:

12 **7.15.010:** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is unlawful for any person to own or  
13 harbor a dog or cat over the age of four months unless the animal has been implanted with microchip  
14 identification in accordance with this Section and this Title. For purposes of this Section, a dog or cat to be  
15 offered for sale by a pet shop or breeder is deemed to be owned or harbored by that pet shop or breeder. The  
16 age-based requirements of this Subsection (A) do not affect the applicability of the microchipping  
17 requirements of LVMC 7.42.050.

18 (B) The owner of a dog or cat that has been implanted with microchip identification shall  
19 register the microchip number and the owner's contact information with a microchip registration company,  
20 as well as with the Animal Regulation Officer.

21 (C) When the contact information of the owner of a microchipped dog or cat changes,  
22 the owner shall provide the new contact information to the applicable microchip registration company and to  
23 the Animal Regulation Officer no later than thirty days after the change in contact information occurs.

24 (D) When there is a transfer of ownership of a dog or cat that has been implanted with  
25 microchip identification:

26 (1) The transferring owner must inform the new owner of the microchip

1 registration company with which the dog's or cat's microchip is registered; and

2 (2) The new owner must provide the microchip registration company and the  
3 Animal Regulation Officer with the new owner's contact information no later than thirty days after the  
4 transfer of ownership occurs.

5 (E) The microchipping requirements of this Section do not apply to:

6 (1) An animal whose owner has resided within the City fewer than thirty days;  
7 or

8 (2) An animal brought into the City temporarily and exclusively for the purpose  
9 of entering the animal in a show or exhibition, where the animal is not allowed to run at large.

10 (F) A misdemeanor complaint or citation for a violation of Subsection (A) of this  
11 Section shall be dismissed upon proof that the animal regarding which the violation occurred was implanted  
12 with microchip identification within thirty days after the complaint or citation was served.

13 (G) This Section shall become effective August 1, 2024.

14 **7.15.020:** The City is authorized to establish one or more programs to encourage and facilitate the  
15 microchipping of animals, including compliance with the microchipping requirements of this Chapter and  
16 Title.

17 SECTION 2: Title 7, Chapter 4, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,  
18 1983 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, designated as Section 315, reading as  
19 follows:

20 **7.04.315:** "Microchipping" and other forms of the word shall be deemed to refer to the subcutaneous  
21 implantation of an electronic identification microchip into an animal where:

22 (A) The manufacturer of the microchip has been approved by the Animal Regulation Officer;

23 (B) The implantation conforms to procedures recommended by the manufacturer;

24 (C) The microchip is associated with a registration that includes the animal's date of birth, the  
25 breeder's name and address, and the breeder's USDA license number; and

26 (D) The microchipping and registration information are provided to the Animal Regulation

1 Officer.

2 SECTION 3: Title 7, Chapter 8, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,  
3 1983 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, designated as Section 20, reading as  
4 follows:

5 **7.08.020:** Every person applying for a dog or cat license must provide evidence that the animal has  
6 been implanted with a microchip in accordance with this Title.

7 SECTION 4: Title 7, Chapter 4, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,  
8 1983 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, designated as Section 437, reading as  
9 follows:

10 **7.04.437:** "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

11 SECTION 5: Title 7, Chapter 20, Section 105, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las  
12 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

13 SECTION 6: Title 7, Chapter 42, Section 10, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las  
14 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 **7.42.010:** For purposes of this Chapter:

16 "Animal care facility" means the Animal Protection Services Center or any other facility:

17 (A) That is operated by, or under contract with and on behalf of, any unit of state or local  
18 government; and

19 (B) Whose mission and practice consists, in whole or significant part, of the rescue and  
20 placement of animals in permanent homes.

21 "Animal Welfare Act and regulations" means the animal welfare provisions of 7 U.S.C. Section 2131  
22 et seq. and the corresponding federal animal welfare regulations located in 9 C.F.R. Chapter I, Subchapter

23 A.

24 "Broker" means any person in the business of selling dogs or cats to pet shops, whether or not the  
25 broker is also the breeder of the dogs or cats sold to pet shops.

26 "Distributor" means a person who acts as the agent or contractor of a pet shop to obtain and transport

1 dogs, cats or a combination thereof to a pet shop for purposes of sale.

2 ["Microchipping" and other forms of the word shall be deemed to include both the subcutaneous  
3 insertion of a registered microchip into a dog or cat and a registration that includes the animal's date of birth,  
4 the breeder's name and address, and the breeder's USDA license number.]

5 "Nonprofit animal rescue organization" means any nonprofit organization which has tax-exempt  
6 status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose mission and practice consists, in  
7 whole or significant part, of the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

8 ["USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.]

9 "USDA license number" means the license number issued to a breeder or broker by the USDA  
10 pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act and regulations.

11 SECTION 7: Title 7, Chapter 42, Section 50, of the Municipal Code of the City of Las  
12 Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows;

13 **7.42.050:** (A) Each breeder, pet shop and distributor shall comply with applicable provisions of  
14 NRS Chapter 574 and the Animal Welfare Act and regulations.

15 (B) Each breeder and distributor shall ensure that all dogs and cats that are to be offered  
16 for sale at a pet shop have been microchipped before being transported to the pet shop.

17 (C) No pet shop shall accept delivery of any dog or cat that it proposes to sell unless the  
18 pet shop ensures that the animal has been microchipped.

19 (D) No breeder or pet shop shall sell or offer for sale any dog or cat unless it has  
20 been microchipped.

21 SECTION 8: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
22 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by  
23 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the  
24 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby  
25 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
26 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,

1 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

2 SECTION 9: Whenever in this ordinance any act is prohibited or is made or declared to  
3 be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this ordinance the doing of any act is required  
4 or the failure to do any act is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, the doing of  
5 such prohibited act or the failure to do any such required act shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon  
6 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term of  
7 not more than six months, or by any combination of such fine and imprisonment. Any day of any violation  
8 of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

9 SECTION 10: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,  
10 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983  
11 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

12 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.


13 APPROVED:

14 By   
15 CAROLYNN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

16 ATTEST:

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18 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
City Clerk

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

20  9-6-23  
21 Val Steed, Date  
Deputy City Attorney

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council  
2 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, and referred to a committee for recommendation;  
3 hereafter the committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October,  
4 2023, which as a regular meeting of said Council; that at said regular meeting, the  
5 proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council and adopted by the following  
6 vote:

- 7 VOTING "AYE": Mayor Goodman and Councilmembers, Knudsen, Crear, Seaman,  
8 Diaz, Allen-Palenske and Brune  
9 VOTING "NAY": None  
10 EXCUSED: None  
11 ABSTAINED: None

14 APPROVED:

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CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

17 ATTEST:

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19 \_\_\_\_\_  
LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC City Clerk

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT  
BILL NO. 2023-23**

**(Amends LVMC Title 7 to add provisions generally requiring the microchipping of dogs and cats within the City)**

This business impact statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of the contents of a proposed ordinance, Bill No. 2023-23, that will amend LVMC Title 7 to add provisions generally requiring the microchipping of dogs and cats within the City.

**1. The following constitutes a description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Notification of the proposal was provided by US mail to approximately 34 businesses or individuals possibly impacted by the proposal, as well as approximately 16 other individuals or organizations representative of business or identified as community partners. The draft language of the proposal was included in the mailing and also made available on the City's website. Recipients of the notification were invited to respond in writing and to submit comments, data or arguments regarding whether the proposal would impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business.

The City received no written responses.

**2. The estimated economic effect of the rule on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:**

**Adverse effects:**

The measure would require microchipping and ongoing updates by breeders and other pet-related businesses to a greater degree than before, which might impose a greater burden on some.

**Beneficial effects:**

Provides for easier identification and tracking of animals.

**Direct effects:**

See adverse and beneficial effects above.

**Indirect effects:**

None identified.

**3. The following constitutes a description of the methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the rule on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used:**

No changes to the rule have been proposed.

**4. The estimate of the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the rule is:**

No additional cost anticipated. Enforcement will be incorporated into existing protocols and efforts relating to the administration and enforcement of LVMC Title 7 provisions.

**5. If the rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount expected to be collected is:**

Not applicable.

**6. If the rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the money generated by the new fee or increase in existing fee will be used by the local government to:**

Not applicable.

**7. If the rule includes provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, the following explains why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:**

The updated requirements are deemed to be beneficial to animals, owners and the community in general.

**8. The reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of the rule on businesses:**

The impact of the proposal on affected businesses is determined to be minimal in relation to the benefits provided.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in this business impact statement was prepared properly and is accurate.**

  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

Date: September 6, 2023

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Councilwoman Cedric Crear

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At the City Council meeting of  
September 20, 2023

BILL NO. 2023-23 WAS READ BY TITLE AND REFERRED TO A RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE

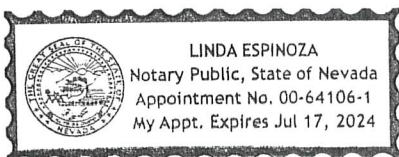
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/s/   
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5th day of October, 2023

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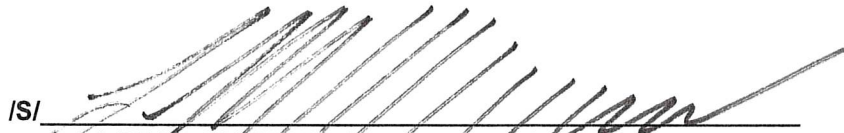
VOTING "AYE": Mayor Goodman and Councilmembers Knudsen, Crear, Seaman, Diaz, Allen-Palenske and Brune

VOTING "NAY": NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

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/s/   
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 23rd day of October, 2023

Notary 

