

ORDINANCE NO. 747

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
AMENDING SECTION 10.10 OF THE CITY CODE CLARIFYING
THE PROCEDURE FOR A DANGEROUS DOG APPEAL**

The Council of the City of Austin does ordain:

Edits: Deletions are in ~~STRIKE THROUGH~~. Additions are UNDERLINED.

Section 10.10, Subd. 20. G. 4. is hereby amended as follows:

§ 10.10 Subd. 20. G. 4.

4. A form for requesting a hearing shall be provided to the owner at the time the owner is advised of the designation of the animal as either dangerous or potentially dangerous, or the owner may obtain such a form from the City Clerk's office upon request during regular business hours. When submitting a request for hearing, the owner must pay a non-refundable Hearing Fee of \$75, and a "Hearing Deposit" equal to the city's established impounding fee for animals calculated based on 21 days of potential impounding pending the hearing. No hearing shall be scheduled absent the payment in full of the Hearing Fee and Hearing Deposit. The Hearing Deposit shall be applied to the owner's responsibility to pay the impounding fee for all days the animal is impounded, and absent an appeal of an adverse determination at the hearing, the Hearing Deposit shall constitute payment in full of such impounding fees. If the hearing results in a determination that ~~either the designation of the animal as a dangerous animal was not~~ substantially justified by law ~~or that the animal should not be destroyed~~, the Hearing Deposit shall be refunded to the owner and all costs of impounding the animal shall be paid by the city.

Passed by a vote of yeas and nays this 6th day of July, 2026.

YEAS 7

NAYS 0

APPROVED:

Stephen M. King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brienne Wolf, City Clerk

This ordinance was introduced on July 6, 2026; approved on July 6, 2026; was published in the Austin Daily Herald on July 11, 2026, and becomes effective July 18, 2026.