

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
ANIMAL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

PRESENT:

Board Members: Todd Woodcox, Chairperson/Chief of Police
Mary A. Kotowski, City Clerk
John D. Caron, City Council Liaison

Also Present: Jeff Randazzo, Animal Control Officer via Zoom
Tina Hirzel, Recording Secretary

Petitioners: Karen & Bud Dunn

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Woodcox. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kotowski, seconded by Caron to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting as presented.

Ayes: All – 3

3. KAREN DUNN 32401 LARKMOOR - REQUESTING 4TH DOG

Background: Karen Dunn came before the Committee to request an exception to the limitation on the number of dogs or cats as specified in Ordinance 35.055 Sec. 19-5.

She has her own two dogs: Minnie, a brown/black female Chihuahua, approximately 12 years old and Tori, a tan/white female Terrier approximately 8 years old. Her mother passed away and her father has moved in with her with his two dogs: Little Pooh, a black/white male mixed breed approximately 11 years old and Little P, a brown/white male mixed breed approximately 12 years old. She promised her mother she would take care of the two dogs. When they went to get the dogs licensed, they were told they could not have four dogs in St. Clair Shores.

Chief Woodcox said he understood her circumstances and her request to have four dogs. There have been no complaints raised regarding the dogs.

Scott Jack and Lynn Gordon, 32407 Larkmoor, spoke in support of allowing their neighbor's, the Dunn's, to have four dogs.

Pat Lucas, 22615 Masonic, was present in support of allowing the Dunn's to have four dogs.

Senada Hodzic, 22517 Masonic, spoke on behalf of the residents of the Masonic Arms Condominiums. The residents took a vote and have no objections to the Dunn's having four dogs as long as they have shots and are licensed.

A letter was submitted by John and Dianne Bartolomeo, 32406 Larkmoor, stating they have no issues with the Dunn's having four dogs.

Moved by Caron, supported by Kotowski to allow the petitioner a fourth dog with the following condition: If any of the existing animals dies or ceases to live on premises, the permission goes back down to three animals. The dogs currently at 32401 Larkmoor are: Minnie, a brown/black female Chihuahua, approximately 12 years old; Tori, a tan/white female Terrier approximately 8 years old; Little Pooh, a black/white male mixed breed approximately 11 years old; and Little P, a brown/white male mixed breed approximately 12 years old.

Ayes: All - 3

Item 3 (Cont'd):

Chief Randazzo inquired about Minnie's rabies vaccine. Ms. Dunn said she has provided paperwork showing that all four dogs are current with their shots.

Ms. Kotowski explained that the Dunn's will be allowed to get all four dogs licensed through the County based on this determination.

4. ADJOURN

Motion by Caron, supported by Kotowski to adjourn at 2:12 p.m.

Ayes: All - 3

Prepared by:

Tina Hirzel
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

Mary A. Kotowski
City Clerk