



Detroit City Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Policy Division

FROM: Fred Durhal III, Council Member, Co-Chair

DATE: January 30, 2024

RE: Request for Drafting a Resolution to Amend Michigan Law for On-Site Microchipping and Rabies Vaccinations by Animal Control Officers

Our office is requesting the assistance from the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) in drafting a resolution to support an amendment to Michigan law regarding on-site microchipping and rabies vaccinations for dogs. This amendment aims to expand the current state law to authorize qualified animal control officers to administer these services, which are currently restricted to veterinarians.

Objective of the Proposed Amendment:

The proposed amendment seeks to:

1. **Expand Authorization:** Allow trained animal control officers in larger cities to provide on-site rabies vaccinations and microchipping services to dogs.
2. **Enhance Public Health and Safety:** Improve accessibility to these critical services, thereby promoting public health and the welfare of pets.
3. **Streamline Services:** Reduce the burden on veterinary services and expedite the process of microchipping and vaccination, especially in emergency or high-intake scenarios.

Request for Action:

We are requesting a resolution that outlines the necessity and benefits of this legislative change. The resolution should emphasize the significance of this amendment in enhancing public health safety, supporting responsible pet ownership, and facilitating the more efficient operation of animal control services in Detroit and other qualifying cities.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns - Esmat Ishag-Osman, Ph.D., Esmat.ishagosman@detroitmi.gov

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