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ORDINANCE AMENDING DULUTH CITY CODE CHAPTER 6 BY ESTABLISHING MOBILE PET GROOMING SHOP LICENSES.

BY COUNCILOR HOBBS:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That section 6-81 of the Duluth City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article VIII. Kennels, Pet Shops, Veterinary Hospitals, etc.

Sec. 6-81. Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (a) Animal shelter shall mean any nonprofit organization through which spayed or neutered dogs, spayed or neutered cats or other companion animals are temporarily housed, displayed and/or placed for adoption;
- (b) Breeding kennel shall be understood to mean a place where two or more dogs or cats, of which one or more are unaltered females, are kept on the same premises for breeding purposes of selling or giving away the offspring of such dogs or cats;
- (c) Boarding kennel shall be understood to mean a place where three or more dogs or cats are kept for the purpose of boarding;
- (d) Grooming shop. Any facility engaged in the practice of dog and cat grooming that is not a pet shop as defined in Section 6-81(f). The act of grooming shall include, but not limited to, the bathing, drying, fur clipping or manicuring of any dog or cat;
- (e) Mobile grooming shop. Any motor vehicle engaged in the practice of dog and cat grooming that is not a pet shop as defined in Section 6-81(f). The act of grooming shall include, but not limited to, the bathing, drying, fur clipping or manicuring of any dog or cat;
- (fe) Nuisance wildlife removal business. Any business that traps and/or removes captured animals or kills animals in exchange for monetary remuneration;
- (gf) Pet shop. Any building, shop or place kept or maintained for the care, exhibition for sale, sale or purchase of live dogs, cats, rabbits or other small animals, or birds, reptiles or fish, but shall not include veterinary hospitals, agricultural farms, breeding kennels or persons or places selling only frogs, fish, worms or reptiles for use as live bait for fishing.

Section 2. That section 6-81 of the Duluth City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-82. License fees. Persons operating or maintaining pet shops, grooming shops, mobile grooming shops, breeding kennels, boarding kennels, or animal shelters or veterinary hospitals, when such facilities are maintained under professional supervision, shall, in addition to other licenses required by this Section, pay a

license fee. The city council may, from time to time, by resolution, set such license fees for persons maintaining or operating the following:

- (a) Kennels keeping two to five dogs or cats;
- (b) Kennels keeping six to 11 dogs or cats;
- (c) Kennels keeping 12 or more dogs or cats;
- (d) Veterinary hospitals;
- (e) A pet shop business;
- (f) A commercial grooming shop business;
- (g) A commercial mobile grooming shop business;
- (hg) A nuisance wildlife removal business.

All such kennel fees shall apply only to dogs or cats over the age of four months. The city animal shelter is exempt from the provisions of this Section.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance adds a City licensing requirement for mobile pet grooming shops such as a mobile dog washing station. The City of Duluth already has a licensing requirement for brick-and-mortar grooming shops.