

Ordinance No. 2024-

**An Ordinance amending section 925.085 of the
Minnetonka City Code; relating to dogs at large**

The City of Minnetonka Ordains:

Section 1. Section 925.005, subdivision 14 of the Minnetonka City Code, relating to definitions, is amended to read as follows:

14. "Under restraint" regarding a dog has the meaning specified in sections 925.085 or 925.105 of this code, as applicable means being: (a) at heel beside a person having custody of it and obedient to that person's command; (b) within a private motor vehicle of a person owning, harboring or keeping the animal; or (c) controlled by a leash not exceeding six feet in length.

Section 2. Section 925.085, subdivision 1 of the Minnetonka City Code, relating to animal regulations, is amended to read as follows:

1. An owner or caretaker of a dog must not cause or permit the his/her dog to run at large within the city limits, including within a public park, except as otherwise allowed by section 1135.020 of this code. A dog is Being "at large" if it is means being off the property of the person owning, harboring or keeping the dog and not under restraint. A dog is under restraint if it is and not:
 - a. (a) at heel beside a person having custody of it and obedient to that person's command; (b) within a crate, private motor vehicle or other container from which the dog cannot escape of a person owning, harboring or keeping the animal; or
 - b. (c) effectively restrained controlled by a leash not exceeding six feet in length; a retractable leash not exceeding 20 feet in length may be used to restrain a dog, provided that the leash must be shortened to six feet whenever another person or animal is within 20 feet. For purposes of clause (a) of this subdivision, the person must be able to demonstrate that the dog will respond to the person's voice or nonverbal command on the first command given.

The provisions of this subdivision do not apply to animals under the command of a law enforcement officer in the performance of official duties.

Section 2. A violation of this ordinance is subject to the penalties and provisions of Chapter XIII of the city code.

Section 3. This ordinance is effective Jan. 1, 2025.

The stricken language is deleted; the underlined language is inserted.

Adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

Attest:

Becky Koosman, City Clerk

Action on this Ordinance:

Date of introduction:

Date of adoption:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Ordinance adopted.

Date of publication:

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on

Becky Koosman, City Clerk