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Date August 13, 2012

Request from Becky Zurfluh, 8036 Dema Drive, Des Moines, to speak regarding unlicensed vicious dogs.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

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Request to Speak Before the City Council - form submission

1 message

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Thu, Jul 19, 2012 at 1:26 AM

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State: IA

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Speaker(s): Becky Zurfluh

Meeting Date: Monday, August 13, 2012

Regarding: Request to speak is in regards to Des Moines Municipal Code: Chapter 18, Article II, Sec 18-58, Unlicensed Vicious Dogs.

I would like to ask that this ordinance be reviewed and either changed or removed from the Municipal Code. It is a form of cruel and unusual punishment to take a beloved pet away from a family when the dog is deemed non-aggressive, when the dog has not ever harmed a single person or another animal, but is taken away simply because it does not have a current license. This ordinance does not prohibit the owner from acquiring another dog. The owner may in fact acquire another 'vicious dog by breed' which could potentially be aggressive. This ordinance simply puts yet another animal in the already overcrowded animal shelters to be housed until it can be adopted out. There is a home and owner who already wants the dog but this ordinance prohibits the dog from being returned to them.

I would also like to ask that my dog, who was impounded on October 27th, 2011, and who is currently still being held at your impoundment facility, be returned to me. There are more ordinances that were not upheld by your chief humane officer upon impoundment than ones that were upheld. It is a disgrace to the ARL and the Animal Control Unit in their handling of the impoundment of my dog. It brings to question their competency in the handling of vicious dogs by breed as well as their ethics on the humane treatment of animals. After being impounded and confined by the City of Des Moines for 9 months, the dog has been punished enough. It is only humane and I would like to ask at this time that my dog be returned to me and the family he knows, which by the way, happens to be people who love him.