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## STAFF REPORT ON PIT BULL ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED

*City Council to hear report, discuss policy direction on animal control ordinances*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – A presentation and policy discussion on animal control ordinance(s) for the City of Muscatine will highlight the Muscatine City Council In-Depth meeting Thursday (October 14). The public is welcome to attend but no public input will be permitted at this time.



City Council directed staff during their March 5 meeting to prepare a change to the “Keeping of Pit Bulls” ordinance (Title 6, Chapter 9) for future Council consideration. The presentation on Thursday was produced by City staff in response to that request and includes insights and research conducted on animal control regulations. In particular, staff researched policy options related to the keeping of potentially dangerous and/or dangerous animals from breed bans to regulation of dangerous animals based on behavioral traits.

While Thursday’s meeting will be a review and discussion with City staff, City Council acknowledged the need for public input and has set a special meeting for public input on Thursday, October 28. Details on that meeting will be announced following approval by Council.



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The public is welcomed to attend the In-Depth session in person, but a virtual meeting will also be available for those who want to view the proceedings and take notes on the presentation (virtual meeting details below).

The City of Muscatine does not require wearing a mask, but does urge the public to follow Public Health and CDC recommendations for wearing a mask indoors whether vaccinated or not.

The City Council will also hear a presentation entitled “Budget Basis Financial Statement Overview for the Year ending June 30, 2021” from Finance Director Nancy Lueck. Despite the uncertainties due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City Muscatine ended the fiscal year in good financial shape thanks to cost saving measures instituted by each department and deferred items approved by Council.

The staff report on the related animal ordinance and the finance department presentation can be downloaded and/or reviewed by clicking [AGENDA](#).

Citizens who do not want to attend the in-person meeting can watch through the GoToMeeting virtual meeting portal. Information on joining the session is listed below. The session will also be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

## **Muscatine City Council In-Depth Meeting | Thu, Oct. 14, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)**

Join the meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone by clicking the following link:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/959784437>

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