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**File Name:** Miniature Pigs

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Amending Section 23.525 of the Madison General Ordinances to allow miniature pigs bred as companion animals to be kept as pets in the City of Madison.

**Notes:** 6783MiniaturePigs

**Sponsors:** Tag Evers, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford And  
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### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Attorney's Office	07/25/2023	Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Action Text:</b> This Ordinance was Referred for Introduction <b>Notes:</b> Board of Health for Madison and Dane County (9/6/23), Common Council (9/19/23)						
1	COMMON COUNCIL	07/25/2023	Refer	BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY			Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Currie, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Refer to the BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY. The motion passed by voice vote/other.						

### Text of Legislative File 79117

#### Fiscal Note

Fiscal note pending.

#### Title

Amending Section 23.525 of the Madison General Ordinances to allow miniature pigs bred as companion animals to be kept as pets in the City of Madison.

#### Body

**DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS:** This amendment allows an individual to own one pig in as long as the animal is under 24" tall at the shoulder, weighs under 300 pounds, is up to date with all

required immunization and is microchipped. The owner must register for a Wisconsin State Premise License as required under Wisconsin Code. The amendment permits the animal to be off property on a leash shorter than 6 feet which is controlled by a competent individual.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 23.525 entitled "Possession of Pigs Prohibited" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended as follows:

**"23.525 - POSSESSION OF PIGS PROHIBITED RESTRICTED."**

- (1) No person, firm or corporation shall keep, harbor or have in their possession, custody or control any pig, hog, boar or swine anywhere within the limits of the City of Madison except under the following circumstances:-
- (2) ~~Exceptions. This section does not apply to the following locations and circumstances:-~~
- (a) Within the confines of an event for which a park event permit, neighborhood association park event permit, or any other permit for activities taking place within a City park has been issued by the City, if the presence of the animal is noted as a condition of issuance of the permit.
  - (b) Within the confines of an event for which a street use permit or neighborhood block party permit has been issued under Sec. 10.056, MGO, if the presence of the animal is noted as a condition of approval of the permit.
  - (c) An individual is permitted to own one (1) pig, hog, boar or swine in the City if the owner complies with all of the following requirements:
    - 1. The animal must be less than twenty four (24) inches tall at the shoulder.
    - 2. The owner must be able to provide written proof from a licensed veterinarian that the animal weighs less than three hundred (300) pounds.
    - 3. The owner must be able to provide written proof from a licensed veterinarian that the animal is current with all vaccination requirements.
    - 4. A microchip must be placed in the animal so that the animal can be easily identified. The microchip must contain the name, address and telephone number of the owner and the name of the animal.
    - 5. The owner must register for a Wisconsin State Premise License as required under Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Administrative Code Chapter 17.
    - 6. When off the owner's property the animal must be leashed at all times. The leash must be attached to a secure collar or harness that is of sufficient strength to restrain the animal. The leash shall be no longer than six (6) feet in total length and must be secured by and under the direct control and supervision of an individual at all times."