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**File Number: 67344**

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**File Type:** Ordinance

**Status:** Items Referred

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**Reference:**

**Controlling Body:** BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY

**Lead Referral:** BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY

**Cost:**

**File Created Date :** 09/08/2021

**File Name:** Prohibit Declawing

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Creating Section 23.66 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit removing or disabling a cat's claws by performing a declawing procedure, and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to update and revise bail deposits for violations thereof, and amending Section 1.08(4) to provide Director of Public Health Madison Dane County enforcement authority to issue citations for violations thereof.

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**Code Sections:**

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**Sponsors:** Lindsay Lemmer and Sheri Carter

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**Attachments:** 67344 Body.pdf

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### Approval History

Version	Date	Approver	Action
1		Michael Haas	Approved as to Form
1		Ryan Pennington	Delegate
1		Elizabeth York	Approve

### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:

1	Attorney's Office	09/08/2021	Referred for Introduction		
	<b>Notes:</b>	Board of Health for Madison and Dane County			
1	COMMON COUNCIL	09/21/2021	Refer	BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY	Pass

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**Text of Legislative File 67344**

**Fiscal Note**

The proposed ordinance change prohibits removing or disabling a cat's claws by performing a declawing procedure, updates and revises bail deposits for violations, and provides the Director of Public Health Madison Dane County enforcement authority to issue citations for violations. Public Health does not anticipate many citations. Informal surveys of local veterinarians indicate that most have stopped declawing cats already. There may be staffing impacts due to following up on complaints, however, the number of complaints can't be estimated at this time.

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**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance creates a ban on removing or disabling a cat's claws by performing a declawing procedure, except as necessary for therapeutic purposes, and creates bail deposits for violations of the ordinance.

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

**See 67344 Body in Attachments.**