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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
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2008-0766 Mayor Communications New Business

Communication from Mayor Devine vetoing the Council's action of December 2, 2008 regarding O-2008-0052, an Ordinance to create Section 7.125 of the West Allis Revised Municipal Code relating to Pit Bulls.

Introduced: 12/16/2008

Controlling Body: Common Council

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *Place on file*

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
DEC 16 2008			Barczak				
			Czaplewski				
			Kopplin				
			Lajsic				
			Narlock				
			Reinke				
			Roadt				
			Sengstock				
			Vitale				
			Weigel				
			TOTAL				

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair Vice-Chair Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION *place on file*

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
12-16-08		✓	Barczak	✓			
			Czaplewski	✓			
		✓	Kopplin	✓			
			Lajsic <i>MC</i>	✓			
			Narlock	✓			
			Reinke	✓			
	✓		Roadt	✓			
			Sengstock	✓			
			Vitale	✓			
			Weigel	✓			
			TOTAL	9	1		



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December 11, 2008

Honorable Members of the
West Allis Common Council
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis WI 53214

Dear Honorable Common Council Members:

This letter is to inform you that I am vetoing File Number O-2008-0052, an Ordinance to create Section 7.125 of the West Allis Revised Municipal Code relating to Pit Bulls.

There are two reasons I am vetoing this ordinance.

- I am concerned with the lack of public input that was involved on a matter of this magnitude. I do not feel that the residents of West Allis were given adequate time to share their opinions and ideas with their elected officials.
- My second reason is due to a similar "Vicious Dog Ordinance" that is on the December 16, 2008 agenda. While I agree with the intent of the pit bull ordinance, I feel a law that applies to all vicious dogs and not just one specific breed would better serve the residents of the City. Public safety is of the utmost importance to me, and I feel this "Vicious Dog Ordinance" will offer a broader and more effective approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Devine".

Dan Devine,
Mayor

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