



**STAFF REPORT  
WEST ALLIS PLAN COMMISSION  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
Common Council Chambers  
6:00 PM**

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**6. Ordinance to amend zoning code to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits.**

In February the Common Council approved a zoning ordinance amendment related to certain animal services. That ordinance, O-2023-0088, allowed animal boarding with certain criteria to limit noise into residential areas, defined animal training, animal shelters, animal breeding and set certain limits and/or restrictions to these uses. Since this time, Ald. Grisham and Ald. Kuehn have sponsored an update that is sought to address the milling issue with cats, dogs, and rabbits.

The Humane Society and other animal control facilities like [Milwaukee MADACC](#) advocate against animal mills (where mass breeding operations designed for compensation with little regard for animal/public health, animal control, and humane treatment). Such places commonly sell through internet sales, online classified ads, flea markets and pet stores.

Plan Commission’s role is to review the ordinance and refer their decision to the Common Council for consideration. A public hearing before the Common Council is required for passage of zoning ordinance amendments.



If passed, new businesses that sell dogs, cats, or rabbits would be prohibited. The zoning definition would exempt animal shelters.

<u>Animal Sales</u>	<u>The retail sale of a dog, cat, or rabbit, except any sale by a person who is also using the same lot as an animal shelter</u>
Animal Shelter	The use of a lot by a humane society, animal welfare society, animal rescue group, or other nonprofit group to shelter, feed, and care for animals in a manner that is not an animal boarding service

Retail	RA -1	RA -2	RA -3	RB	R C	C- 1	C- 2	C- 3	C- 4	I-1	I-2	P	SF
<u>Animal Sales</u>													

Existing businesses in operation would be considered legal-non-conforming and could continue.

**Recommendation:** Common Council approval of the Ordinance to amend zoning code to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits.