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Hello Council Members!

As the City looks towards 2026 and budget deficits, I have a suggestion to generate some additional income while also alleviating the current overcrowding of our animal shelters:

Currently, city residents can have a total of 4 cats and/or dogs. The annual registration fee is \$12 per fixed pet.

As a homeowner and diligent pet owner, I would love if I could adopt a few more pets, but I legally can't because I'm at the 4-animal limit.

What if the city introduced an Additional Animal Registration fee? Once folks reach their 4-pet limit, charge a higher registration fee for any extra pets. I'm thinking \$50-\$100 per cat or dog.

There are many, many animal lovers like me who would pay that annual fee without blinking if it meant we could legally bring more animals into our homes.

If the limit is set to protect against animal hoarding situations, I would argue: the people who are inclined to keep 10+ pets and/or neglect their pets are likely the same people who won't register their animals in the first place.

Rather than impose limits, create a tiered system that lets people legally self-regulate.

I feel like that approach would work well for a lot of things, not just pet registration. I would opt in for additional taxes and fees if it felt like I got to choose where my money went and then received an immediate benefit too. I bet others in this city would too.

Thank you for your time.

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