



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 3, 2026**

1. ROLL CALL
2. NEW BUSINESS
 - 2.1. Resolution Amending Section 161-6 Of The City Code To Extend The Time Period To Contest A Dangerous Dog Determination

WHEREAS, the City Animal Control Officer suggests increasing the time limit for dog owners to contest the designation of their animal(s) as dangerous.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Section 161-6, Dangerous Dogs, of Chapter 161, Animals, of the Code of the City of Middletown, is hereby amended by modifying Section 161-6(H), to read in its entirety as follows:

H. Contesting determination of dangerous dog. The owner or custodian of any dog determined by the Animal Control Officer or Police Chief of the City of Middletown to be dangerous within the meaning of this section may contest such designation by commencing an action as provided in Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules within 60 days of the mailing of the written notice provided for in Subsection I below.

Section 2. Severability.

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases,

clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

2.2. Resolution Amending Chapter 161 Of The City Code To Reduce Dog Impoundment Fees

WHEREAS, the City Animal Control Officer suggests that impoundment fees for dogs be reduced due to the difficulties being encountered in returning dogs to their owners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT Resolved, and be it Ordained, by the Common Council of the City of Middletown, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Section 161-1, License and tag required; seizure and impoundment; disposition, of Chapter 161, Animals, of the Code of the City of Middletown, is hereby amended by modifying Section 161-1(G)(4) to read in its entirety as follows:

(4)

Each dog which is not identified, whether or not licensed, shall be held for a period of five days from the day seized during which period the dog may be redeemed by its owner, provided that such owner produces proof that the dog has been licensed and has been identified pursuant to the provisions of this section and further provided that the owner pays the following impoundment fees:

- (a) Up to \$125 for the first impoundment of any dog owned by that person.
- (b) Up to \$150 for the second impoundment, within one year of the first impoundment, of any dog owned by that person.
- (c) Up to \$175 for the third and subsequent impoundments, within one year of the first impoundment, of any dog owned by that person.

Section 2. Severability.

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Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution and Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

3. ADJOURNMENT