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## **PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON KEEPING OF PIT BULLS ORDINANCE**

*Council sets special meeting for Thursday (Oct. 28) to hear public comments*



**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The Muscatine City Council will hear from the public during a special meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 28) in the Council Chambers of Muscatine City Hall. The Council is asking for public comment as deliberations continue on Title VI, Chapter IX of Muscatine City Code otherwise known as “Keeping of Pit Bull Dogs”.

A virtual meeting will be held in conjunction with the in-person meeting for those who want to view the proceedings or make a comment but do not feel comfortable in attending in person. Details for joining that meeting are listed below.

The special meeting will be a listening session for the City Council members concerning the topic and no decisions will be made at this time.



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Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes to ensure that everyone who wants to speak has an opportunity to do so. Speakers will be notified when they are down to their final 30 seconds of allotted time.

To facilitate the process, those wishing to speak are asked to register at the sign-in desk in the hallway before entering the Council Chambers. Those who are attending the on-line version will be able to signify that they would like to make a comment by stating so in the chat portion of the virtual meeting. Registration will close at 7:05 p.m. with no late registration allowed.

During the meeting, Mayor Diana Broderson will call the speakers to the podium in groups of five. Each speaker will be able to address the Council in the order they were called. Comments may only be addressed to City Council members, and conducted in a calm and respectful manner. Speakers are also asked not to duplicate, if possible, comments from other citizens.

Should those attending the meeting have printed material they would like to share with Council that material should be left with the staff member at the registration desk for distribution. Speakers may also send the material in advance to [feedback@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:feedback@muscatineiowa.gov). The material will be shared with Council members for their deliberations.

Thursday's City Council meeting is open to the public. Citizens attending the meeting are asked to follow current CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations for wearing a mask indoors whether vaccinated or not. The City of Muscatine does not require wearing a mask, but does urge the public to follow Public Health and CDC recommendations.

Citizens who do not want to attend the in-person meeting can watch and/or participate through the GoToMeeting virtual meeting portal. Information on joining the session and how to make a comment during the meeting is listed below. The session will also be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

Information on the presentations and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download the October 28, 2021, City Council agenda and/or attachments.



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The best way for the public to participate is to dial in to the GoToMeeting session, mute your device, watch the session on YouTube or Cable Channel 2, and, at the appropriate time, unmute your device to ask a question or make a comment. The public can also use the “chat” feature on the GoToMeeting virtual meeting to pose a question to the Mayor, Council, or staff member.

## **Muscatine City Council Special Meeting | Thu, Oct. 28, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)**

Join the meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone by clicking the following link:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/702521757>

You can also use your phone by dialing [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122), follow the prompts, and type in Access Code 702-521-757 when prompted.

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Please mute your computer or phone while listening to the proceedings (**press \*6 when using phone or mute button on computer**). A chat window is available when you use your computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Those wishing to speak or to ask a question are asked to use the chat box to post a message that will be seen by the Mayor who will address the questions or call on the speaker in turn. Those using their phones must wait until the Mayor asks for additional comments. The Mayor will recognize you prior to you addressing the Council.

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