

Levy, Deanna

From: Janice
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 1:47 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Petition against new bylaw limiting number of household pets

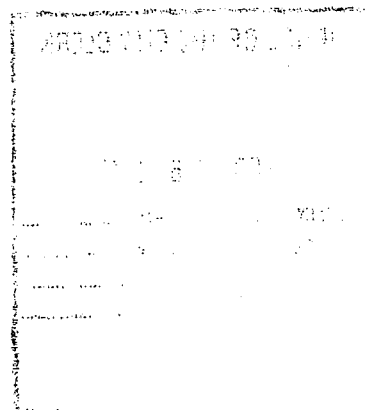
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Sincerely,
Eugenie Schuurmans

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From: Mandy
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 5:56 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
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Sincerely,
Mandy

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From: Doug Mortimer
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 6:20 PM
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From: Donna Booth
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:34 AM
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Donna Booth

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 10:42 AM
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Jonathan

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From: Jaymz Kay
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Companion animals - dogs, cats, pot-belly pigs = limit of 4 Hobby animals - reptiles, fish, birds, rodents = no limits!

Sincerely,
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From: Elena Klazinga r
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 11:09 AM
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I agree whole heartedly with the above letter. There needs to be a definite review of the new by law. 4 fish is just ridiculous, since some species are by very definition "schooling" and require a full and happily busy tank to be healthy. Creatures like rodents and reptiles need a more reasonable limit, or in lieu of an actual number, something defined as "no more animals then will allow for the safety, comfort, and health of both animal and pet owner." As an addendum, is it really possible that the new by law means it's acceptable to own 4 cats and 4 dogs, 8 animals *total* but two seperate species, in one house in an urban area, and yet 5 guppies, which take up about as much as my thumb, are breaking the law? I'm really hoping that giving the lawmakers aren't so stupid as to leave open such an asinine legal loophole, and that I'm not mistaken in giving them the benefit of the doubt. Still, if not THAT, it means that I can have even *less* animals, for example 1 cat and three fish, which is just as ridiculous.

Sincerely,
Elena Klazinga

Levy, Deanna

From: Nancy Ronalds
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 2:12 PM
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I have put alot of time energy and money into my 120 gallon Safwater tank...it requires more than 4 fish to keep it balanced !. Dogs..cats...yes !!! FISH NO !!! thank-you Nancy

Sincerely,
Nancy Ronalds

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From: Daniyelle Bratina
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 10:00 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
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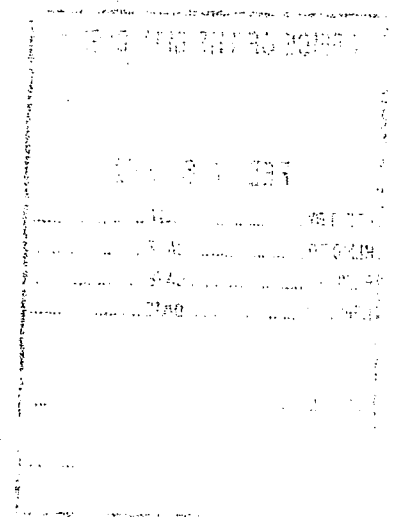
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Please consider the above, I feel the difference between a dog, and a small tropical fish is tremendous. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Daniyelle Bratina



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From: Alex Miller
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This kind of blanket by-law is ridiculous. As a proud and dedicated aquarium owner, I refuse to abide by such insanity. Fish are CONFINED to an aquarium, and many species require community environments to thrive, so why would they be included in this by-law? I can't believe I'm actually writing this, it seems so absurd.

Perhaps if this council and mayor researched issues before making such laughable rules, they wouldn't be the object of most Hamiltonians' scorn.

Shame on whoever rammed through this pathetic legislation; you've just pissed off a great many people.

Sincerely, Alex Miller

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From: duane dietz
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 5:32 PM
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Responsible people should be able to own as many animals as they wish. who ever wanted to put a limit on animals should get fired from there job!! what an idiot

Sincerely,
duane dietz

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From: Dave Doherty
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Agree very much with this statement. Pet restriction on outer city communities is ludicrous. Don't punish those who never wanted to become a part of the city of Hamilton in the first place.

Sincerely,
Dave Doherty

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From: chuck rum
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:12 PM
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this has not been thought through well enough. for dogs and cats, i strongly agree. But limiting low maintenance animals such as reptiles, small animals, and fish is just idiotic. So if i have 4 small goldfish, i have to get rid of my dog or vice versa?

Sincerely,
chuck rum

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From: Lisa Shadforth
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 11:19 AM
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Sincerely,
Lisa Shadforth

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Sincerely,
mike hishmeh

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 12:53 PM
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so i guess i can't have 5 fish in my aquarium...right?

Sincerely,
Greg Jachna

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From: Joel Scadding
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 1:28 PM
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Joel Scadding

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 2:16 PM
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I agree as to define specific categories. eg. snakes

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Nola Stewart

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 6:59 PM
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Sincerely,
Lorraine Scholarchos

Levy, Deanna

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 8:23 PM
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From: Stewart C. Klazinga
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 11:22 AM
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Four cats or dogs I can understand, but to limit the number of smaller pets in such a restrictive way, and to lump them in the same boats as cats and dogs seems to be very poorly thought out.

Many smaller animals are communal/social animals and require the company of others of their species to be happy, content, and stress free. I have a 30 gallon fish tank. Within my tank is 1 large pleco, 1 African dwarf frog, four tetras, 2 upside down catfish, and six cory doras. They all coexist peacefully. The frog and the pleco are solitary creatures, and the upside down catfish are mildly social. The tetras and cory doras however are highly social and require larger groups to live stress free. My tank is neither overcrowded, nor overly difficult to maintain. A friend of mine has a tank of guppies, a full tank that started out as six guppies half a dozen years ago. With hundreds of fish that breed constantly, how is he to maintain a limit of four? Many rodents and other small pets are similarly simple and enjoyable to keep in numbers in excess of four. This law is far too restrictive, and disregards the fact that there is nuance in everything.

For dogs and cats four seems a very reasonable number, I have one cat, had two up till this past year, and I knew two was my limit. But my wife and I also lived in a smallish two bedroom apartment. A household with 8 members in a large house, I'm sure, if the members were responsible enough, five or six cats would seem no different than my two. But for smaller pets? I truly feel that this law is too restrictive, and that such cases should be decided on a case to case basis. Setting out guidelines for smaller pet owners is a great idea, but

such a set-in-stone law is far too formulaic, and not all cases are as cookie-cutter clear as this new law would suggest.

Stewart C. Klazinga

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