

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 4141

**AMENDING CODE SECTION 2-284(b)(3) AND ADDING SECTION 14-36 TO
REMOVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
FROM OVERSEEING THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND
TO ESTABLISH THAT THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE OVERSEEN
BY THE MICHIGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Section 2-284(b)(3) currently provides that the vector control officer shall oversee and assist the animal control officer and shall include in his budget the salaries and expenditures for animal control; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Police Department regularly receives telephone calls for animal-related complaints and issues, and more specifically, in 2010, the Michigan City Police Department received 951 animal-related calls, and since the beginning of 2011, the Michigan City Police Department has received approximately 277 animal-related calls; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the number of animal-related complaints and issues received by the Michigan City Police Department, the Animal Control Officer regularly responds to certain animal-related circumstances and events with the Michigan City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to streamline communication between the public at-large and the City's Animal Control Officer and to fully utilize the capabilities of the Animal Control Officer in quick-response situations, it would be beneficial for the Animal Control Officer to now be supervised by the Michigan City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of time and for the purpose of promoting government efficiency, the need exists to amend Section 2-284 of the Michigan City Municipal Code to remove the Municipal Services Department, Vector Control Division, from the responsibility of overseeing the Animal Control Officer and to now place the Animal Control Officer, as a civilian employee, under the supervision of the Michigan City Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Section 2-284(b)(3) of the Michigan City Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows and that Section 14-36 be created in the Michigan City Municipal Code to read as follows:

Sec 2-284. Municipal Services Department.

- (a) There is hereby established a department of municipal services, which may be headed by a superintendent.
- (b) The department of municipal services shall be composed of:
 - (1) A division of streets headed by a street foreman;
 - (2) A division of municipal coach headed by a municipal coach foreman;
 - (3) A division of vector control headed by a vector control officer.

Sec 14-36. Supervision of Animal Control Officer by Michigan City Police Department.

The Michigan City Police Department shall oversee the Animal Control Officer, as a civilian employee, and shall include in its budget, commencing in 2012, the salaries and expenditures for animal control.

This Ordinance to be effective upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY: /s/ Phillip E. Jankowski, Member
Michigan City Common Council

CO-SPONSOR: /s/ Marc Espar, Member
Michigan City Common Council

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this 21st day of June, 2011 by a vote of 9 to 0.

/s/ Marc Espar, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved by me, this 22nd day of June, 2011.

ATTEST: /s/ Charles Oberlie, Mayor of Michigan City

/s/ Thomas F. Fedder, City Clerk

Prepared upon request by the City Attorney's Office