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Amanda Haggstrom, District 3 Councilor

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Jessica Redfern, District 5 Councilor

An order to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140, § 139(c).

Summary: This order accepts the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 139(c), which allows municipalities to waive dog license fees for residents aged 70 and older. By adopting this local option, the City of Amesbury would eliminate the annual dog licensing fee for qualifying senior residents while still requiring compliance with all licensing and vaccination requirements. This waiver would apply only to individual dog license fees and would not apply to late fees or kennel licenses. The measure is intended to support senior residents while encouraging continued compliance with local dog licensing requirements and protecting public health.

Be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority, of the same as follows:

That the Amesbury City Council hereby accepts the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 139(c), which provide that no fee shall be charged for a license for a dog owned by a person aged seventy (70) years or older in a city or town that accepts said provision.