TO: Mayor Montgomery and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Pike Request

DATE: January 30, 2023

BACKGROUND

A complaint had been received on December 29, 2022 regarding the number of dogs at Ms. Pike's residence. A Cannon Falls Officer spoke with Ms. Pike, provided notice to comply and provided advise on how to contest if she wanted. Which resulted in Ms. Pike attending the January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting, Anne Pike, addressed the City Council during the Public Input portion of the meeting, requesting to be allowed to have the fourth dog until the oldest dies and would then remain in compliance. City Council requested that City Staff look into the matter.

In reviewing the matter, I found when this was reported and what actions the officer had taken at noted above. I also reviewed section 94.04 of the City Code. That section is listed below for ease of reference.

§ 94.02 NUMBER OF DOGS RESTRICTED.
The number of dogs permitted shall not exceed three per single family dwelling unit, or two per residential unit in multi-dwelling structures.
(Prior Code, § 10.11, Subd. 2) (Ord. 53, effective 1-4-1985; Ord. 362, passed 12-18-2018)

Based on the City Code there does not appear any discretion is given to City Staff regarding requests to exceed the number of dogs permitted, so direction from the City Council on how they wish to proceed is needed.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

City Council discussion and direction on how City Staff should proceed, and if Council wishes to grant request from resident then motion and approve of that action is requested.