

ORDINANCE NO. O-2025-44

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE WHEATON ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW DOMESTIC ANIMAL LOUNGES BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN THE ROOSEVELT ROAD CORRIDOR DISTRICT, R-R-3 SECTOR – CANDLE OF HOPE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton, Illinois ("City"), has determined it to be appropriate to amend the City Zoning Ordinance to allow Domestic Animal Lounges by Special Use Permit in the R-R Roosevelt Road Corridor District, R-R-3 Sector; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice as required by the Illinois Municipal Code and the City Zoning Ordinance, a public hearing was conducted by the Wheaton Planning and Zoning Board, acting as a hearing body on August 12, 2025 and August 26, 2025, to consider said amendment to allow a definition of a Domestic Animal Lounge and Domestic Animal Lounges by Special Use Permit in the Roosevelt Road Corridor District, R-R-3 Sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1: The Wheaton Zoning Ordinance text is amended by adding to Article 2, Definitions, a definition of a "Domestic Animal Lounge" as: "A not for profit establishment, which is not a Cat Adoption Agency or a Kennel, where people can interact with domestic animals with or without the purchase of food and/or beverages. The lounge can feature a variety of domestic animals, allowing visitors to socialize with them in a relaxed, café-like setting. Patrons often pay a fee, usually hourly, to spend time with the animals. The lounge must comply with all applicable health, safety, and animal care standards as required by local, county and state regulations."

Section 2: The Wheaton Zoning Ordinance text is further amended by adding to Article 31, R-R Roosevelt Road Corridor District, R-R-3 Sector, Special Use Permit Required: "Domestic Animal Lounge".

Section 3: This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Wheaton, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 4: If any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance.

Section 5: This ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner prescribed by law.

Attest

Andrea Rosedale
City Clerk

Philip J. Sauer

Mayor

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Bray-Parker

Nays: Councilman Weller
Councilwoman Brice
Councilman Brown
Mayor Suess
Councilman Clousing
Councilwoman Robbins

Absent: None
Motion Failed

Failed: September 15, 2025

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