



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: June 4, 2019
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance #465 Regulating Domestic Animals in Milton Cemetery

Summary

In response to concerns expressed by members of the community and the unsanitary conditions that persist within Milton Cemetery, Staff has prepared Ordinance #2019-465 prohibiting domestic animals from Milton Cemetery along North Janesville Street.

Background

Although there is already an ordinance that prohibits pet owners from cleaning up after themselves, the sheer act of allowing an animal to relieve themselves in a cemetery has drawn concern from several members of the community. Additionally, City Staff who maintains the cemetery, has seen an increase in the amount of feces left behind from irresponsible pet owners.

Therefore, for the ease of enforcement and uniformity for all pet owners, Ordinance #465 prohibits animals from being within the cemetery. City Staff certainly understands the unfairness this may seem for those pet owners that are being responsible with their animals, but unfortunately, this issue has gone beyond the bounds of what is commonly accepted societal norms.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends approval of Ordinance #465 prohibiting domestic animals from being present in Milton Cemetery.