



## City Attorney

**DATE:** July 20, 2021  
**FROM:** Jannelle Combs, City Attorney  
**ITEM:** Ordinance 6479 regarding Urban Rodent Control

### **REQUEST:**

Consider introduction and call for a public hearing on Ordinance 6479 to enact Ordinance 8-08-12 regarding Urban Rodent Control.

Please place this item on the July 27, 2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services has been working with the City of Bismarck as well as Bismarck Parks and Recreation District to provide technical assistance, as well as physical assistance to Parks and Rec, regarding Richardson's ground squirrels. Wildlife Services has a policy 2.345 that limits when they can provide assistance, including general information, within municipalities with a population over 50,000 people. An exception to that policy can allow for assistance if a City has an ordinance enacted with public notice and opportunity for public comment. In order to provide education and actual assistance to local political subdivisions, this amendment would be necessary.

### **RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:**

First reading and introduction of Ordinance 6479 and call for a public hearing.

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**CITY OF BISMARCK**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 6479**

<i>First Reading</i>	_____
<i>Second Reading</i>	_____
<i>Final Passage and Adoption</i>	_____
<i>Publication Date</i>	_____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8-08 OF THE CITY OF BISMARCK CODE OF ORDINANCES (1986 Rev.) BY ENACTING THE FOLLOWING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. Enact. Section 8-08-12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, relating to Urban Rodent Control, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8-08-12. Urban Rodent Control. Except for house mice, Norway rats, and roof rats, the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services is authorized to provide urban rodent control within the City of Bismarck.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication.