



# City of Bloomington Common Council

## Legislative Packet – Addendum

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# State of Innovation

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# PROGRAM BACKGROUND

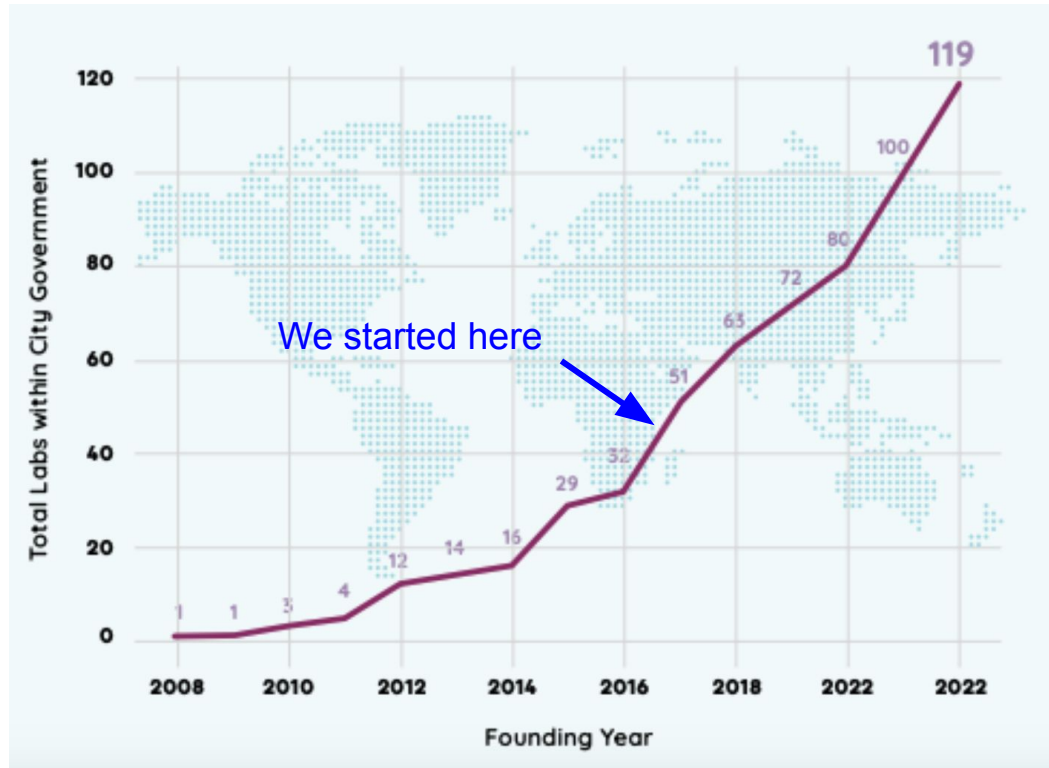
- 2016 Innovation Task Force
- 2 Directors
- 3 Areas of Focus
  - Improve current processes
  - Prepare the organization for the future
  - Nurture a culture of innovation

# THE START OF INNOVATION

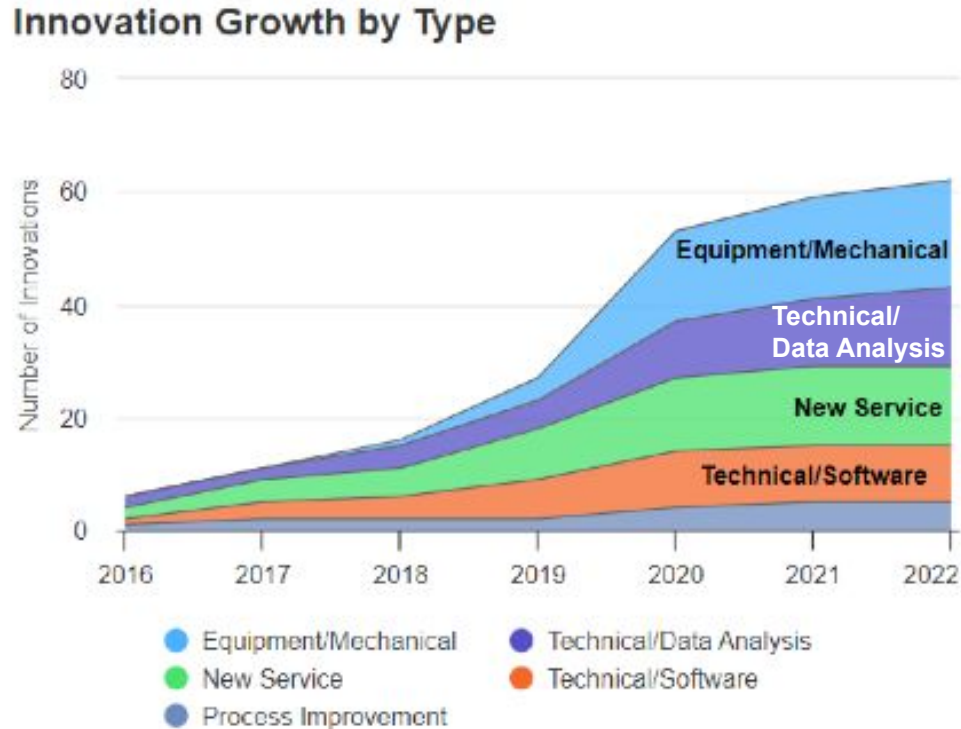


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# STATE OF CIVIC INNOVATION



# INNOVATION OVER TIME: Growth by Type



# PROJECTS: *Equipment / Mechanical*



**Fire:** Thermal Imaging Masks



**Utilities:** Advanced Metering



**Public Works:** Bollard Tools



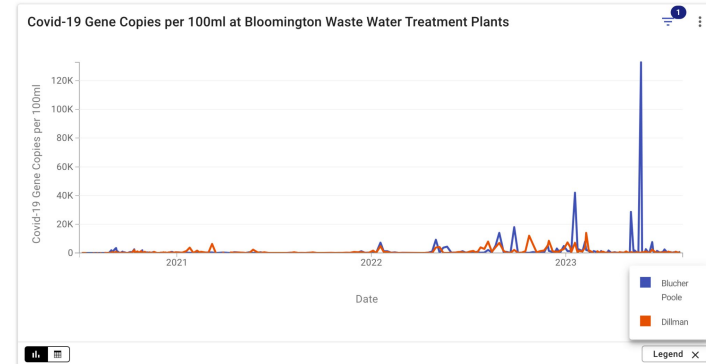
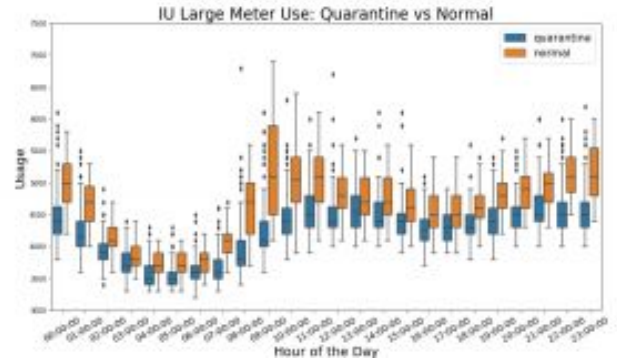
# PROJECTS: *Technology / Data Analysis*



**Fire:** Real-time Service Information

**Utilities:** Water Main  
Break Analysis

**Utilities:** COVID  
Wastewater Testing  
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# PROJECTS: *New Services*



**OOTM:** Recover Forward



**ESD:** GoBloomington

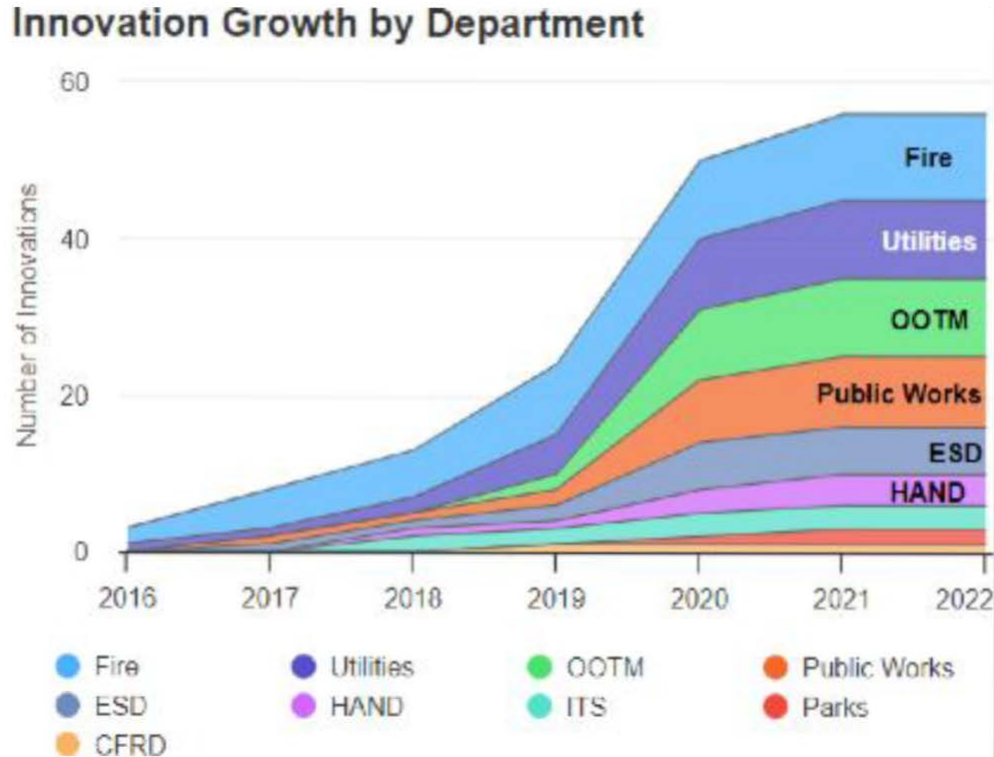


**Public Works:** Leaf Management



**Public Works:** Sidewalk Maintenance

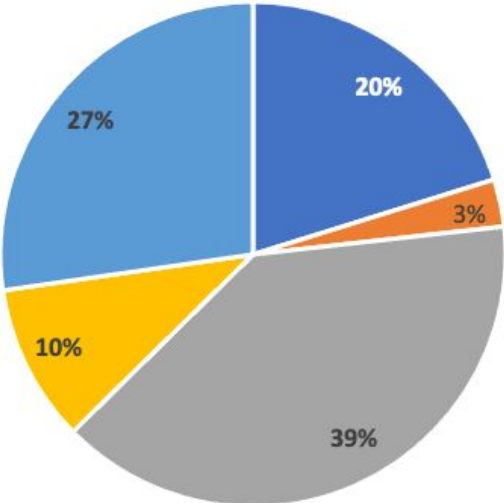
# INNOVATION OVER TIME: Growth by Department



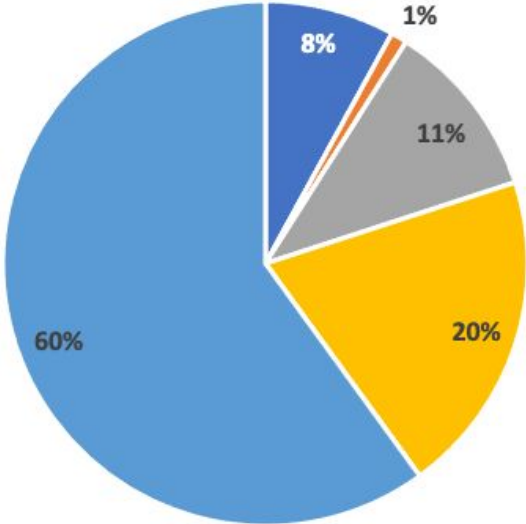
# INNOVATION INITIATORS

## LEGEND

- Mayor/Dep Mayor
- Innov. Director
- Dept. Director
- Manager
- Staff



Current State



Ideal State

# FOCUS AREA IMPACT

## *Improving Current Processes*

70 projects  
2016-2022

11/70 with direct  
Innovation Director  
involvement

One-time Investment:  
~\$432,736

One-time Savings:  
~ \$1,389,190

Recurring investment:  
~ \$214,238

Recurring Savings:  
~ \$944,743

Additional benefits:

- Efficiency
- Morale
- Safety
- Engagement
- Process improvement training

# FOCUS AREA IMPACT

## *Nurturing a Culture of Innovation*

Success documentation with annual acknowledgement and celebration

22 employees trained in human-centered design  
2 spinoff projects

More departments documenting more successes more proactively

# FOCUS AREA IMPACT

## Preparing the Organization for the Future

Bloomberg Center for Public  
Innovation Network

Harvard Government  
Performance Lab's  
Community of Practice for  
Alternative Responses to  
911 Calls for Service

Departmental Strategic Planning  
and Change Management

Smart City Strategic Planning

# FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

## BUDGET

Establish a budget

Fund the iLab

Fund support

Lower the risk for trying new things

## INTEGRATION

Toolkit + Bootcamp required to receive Innovation Funds

Involve Innovation in operations discussions and establish annual innovation focus during budget planning

## RADICAL EXPLORATION

Internal:

- HR, Budget, and procurement processes

External:

- Affordable housing & homelessness
- Public engagement
- Building community through shared accountability

# THANK YOU.

Questions?

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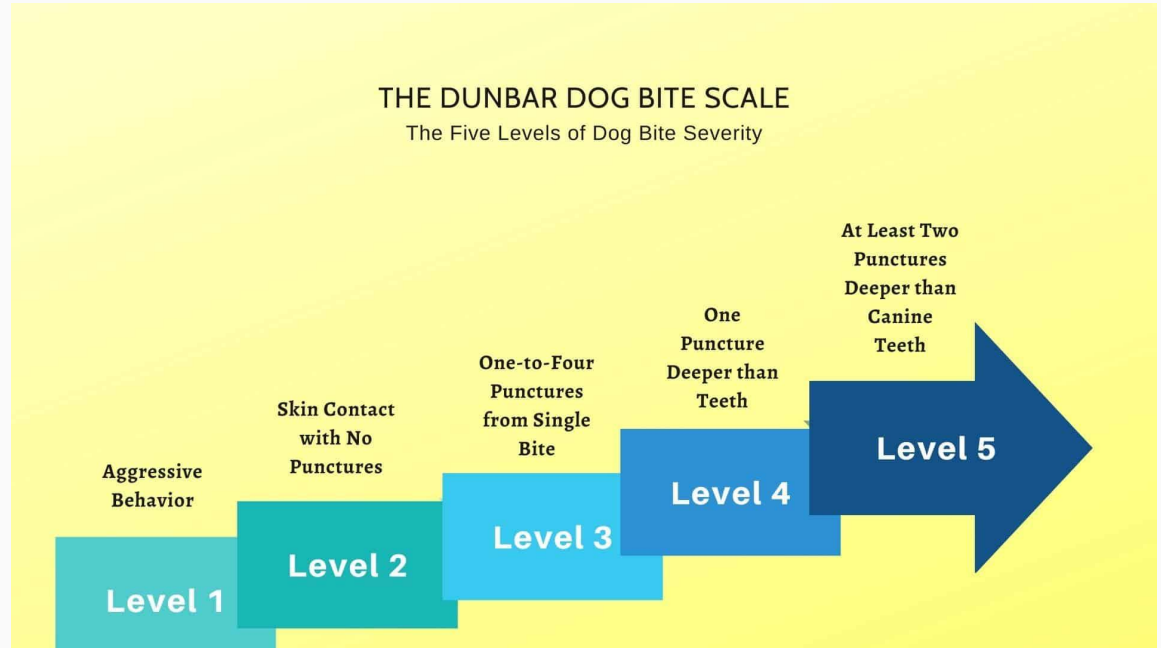
# Ordinance 23-16

Amendments to Title 7



# Dangerous Animal Ordinances

- Joint recommendation by the Bloomington Animal Control Commission and the Monroe County Animal Management Commission
- Simplifies the Dangerous levels down to three.
- Utilizes Ian Dunbar's bite classifications that are accepted by behaviorists and trainers
- Allows a dangerous declaration to be made in the event of a severe mauling or death of another dog.



# Dangerous Animal Definitions

## **Potentially Dangerous**

- (1) Causes injury to a person for a single unjustified bite with no punctures deeper than ½ the canine tooth and with little to no bruising or abrasions; or
- (2) Causes an unjustified severe injury, or causes injuries leading to the death of a domestic pet or domestic livestock.

## **Dangerous**

- (1) Causes an unjustified single bite with at least one deep puncture to a person; or
- (2) Causes an unjustified severe injury or injuries leading to the death of a domestic pet or domestic livestock, where the situation or injuries are particularly egregious.

## **Vicious**

Any animal which has bitten a person causing severe injury or causing wounds that are potentially dangerous to the person's health or life; or that result in permanent scarring or disfiguring to a person.

## Requirements for Declared Animals

- **Requires animals to be microchipped at any level for proper identification**
- **If declared Dangerous or Vicious, the animal is required to wear a muzzle when off property.**
- **Proper containment and leash handling at all levels**

# Deer Feeding Ban

- Address a source of human/deer conflict
- Looks out for the health and welfare of our wild deer population
- The Deer Task force put a lot of thought and care into the language of this ordinance.

## DO NOT FEED THE DEER

### Why?

- Deer can become used to human presence, leading to dangerous interactions between deer and humans.
- Damage to the natural habitat. Deer being fed also eat vegetation in the surrounding area, which can lead to overbrowsing. Plants in that area can be damaged or destroyed by the deer. The result is a habitat that supports fewer animals.
- Decreased nutrition for deer during winter. Deer are ruminants similar to cows and have a multi-chambered stomach with a complicated digestive process. If the type of food the deer consume is suddenly changed through feeding by humans, it can take considerable time for the digestive process to adapt to the new food. The animal receives little nutrition when it needs it most.
- Negatively affect deer behavior, leading to increased conflict among deer.
- Alter the migratory movements of deer to critical wintering areas.
- Increase the number of deer-vehicle collisions.

For more information regarding wildlife, please visit: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr)



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KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

# Deer Feeding Ban

- Specific as to what constitutes feeding:
  - food on ground or a low structure under 5 feet.
  - Food: corn, fruit, oats, hay, nuts, wheat, alfalfa, salt blocks, grain, vegetables, wildlife and livestock feed.
- Exempts activities by authorized individuals
- Exempts bird feeders and gardening or raising crops

# Fee Changes

Costs for the care of animals have increased significantly since last update.

- Small increase for animals surrendered from outside of Monroe County.
  - Dogs or cats over six months of age - \$30
  - Litters with 5 or fewer animals - \$35
  - Litters over 5 animals - \$45
- Increase in adoption fees (not to exceed)
  - \$120 cats and dogs
  - \$75 for rabbits
- Increasing fees for monitoring dangerous (\$25) and vicious animals (\$50)

## Two instances for requesting a declaration of Habitual Offender

- 1) The Owner/guardian is found to have violated any provisions of the Bloomington Municipal Code Title 7 on at least 3 separate occasions in a 24 month period; or
- 2) The Owner/guardian of an animal which has been declared potentially dangerous or vicious fails to comply with the terms and conditions required by Title 7 and the Animal Control Commission for maintaining such and animal.

## Requirements:

- Make additional changes to rectify situation
- Additional Fines
- Removal of animals from care
- Prohibit the individual from acquiring new animals for a period of time
- **Responsible pet owner class**



**\*\*\* Amendment Form \*\*\***

**Ordinance #:** 23-16  
**Amendment #:** 01  
**Submitted By:** Cm. Piedmont-Smith  
**Date:** 16 August 2023

**Proposed Amendment:** (additions are shown in **bold** and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~)

1. Ordinance 23-16, Section 7 shall be amended to replace gendered “his or her” pronouns referencing a single person with the gender neutral pronoun “their,” as follows:

Section 7.26.020, entitled “Hearing on declaration,” shall be amended by adding the word “dangerous” set off by commas in the last sentence after the words “potentially dangerous” in Subsection (f) so that the subsection reads:

The findings of fact shall be given to the owner/guardian, or ~~his or her~~ **their** legal counsel, by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the owner/guardian's address, or ~~his or her~~ **their** legal counsel's address. Immediately upon the mailing of the commission's findings of fact, the animal shall be classified as potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious. Concurrently, the director shall notify the owner/guardian of the declaration in person or by phone.

2. Ordinance 23-16 shall be amended by inserting a new Section 22 and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly. The new Section 22 shall read as follows:

**SECTION 22. All instances of “his or her” or “his/her” appearing in Title 7, Chapters 01, 26, 40, 54, and 56 shall be replaced in their entirety with the word “their.” The words “he or she” in Section 7.54.110 shall be replaced with the word “they.”**

**Synopsis**

This amendment is sponsored by Cm. Piedmont-Smith. It replaces instances of gendered pronouns with the gender neutral pronoun “they” or “their.”

**August 16, 2023 Regular Session Action:** Pending