

City May Limit Pet Ownership

An Ohio town is considering a cap on the number of dogs and cats allowed in homes.

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Acting on residents' complaints, the West Milton, Ohio, Village Council seems poised to create a pet limit on the number of dogs and cats residents can own.

During a Sept. 12 workshop on the matter, the council unofficially agreed to a pet limit of four dogs and cats, no matter how the number is divided between the species.

The Council is expected to vote on the new pet limit during its Oct. 10 meeting.

"We'll have to grandfather those pets people now own. There is no way we can tell a person to get rid of a pet they have owned for a number of years," Councilmember Pat Grim said.

Even if the ordinance is passed, Village Manager Martin Gabbard said, enforcement might come only when there's an animal complaint from a community member.