

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Governing Body

FROM: City Attorney

RE: Animal Code Revision



BACKGROUND: Last month Sedgwick County approved our agreement to take over animal control services in Bel Aire. This agreement will allow the City to move from a partial contract for animal control services with the County to a full contract where the County will provide all animal control services in Bel Aire. The County will also take over licensing registrations and deal directly with the public when residents have animal control needs.

DISCUSSION:

Included in your packet is the Sedgwick County Animal Code and sections of the City of Bel Aire Animal Code that will make up **the NEW Bel Aire Animal Code** once this ordinance is adopted.

The decision before council today, is whether or not to complete the final step in transitioning to the County for animal control by adopting The County's animal code as a part of our code. There are two sections in the current code that the City should continue to regulate because the County Code does not address these matters.

- Section titled: Keeping Livestock; Distance from Houses (2020 Code 7.3.4)
- Section titled: Kennel Licenses (2020 7.3.14)

Once this code is approved. Police, front desk staff, and marketing will work to educate the public about compliance with the County for pet registration and calling the County with animal control needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed ordinance as described.